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**THE INDIAN CAPTIVE—PLAYGROUND STYLE:** Some of the 100 youngsters at Pitt playground were temporarily distracted as the cameraman "shot" "The Indian Captive," during a presentation by the Summer Traveling Theatre. The play, based on an authentic experience among the Seneca Indians, is directed by Mrs. Ernest J. Brundage assisted by Mrs. Thomas S. Morse 2d. About 300 have seen this week's performances at Springside, Pitt and Crane. Additional shows will be given next week at 10.30 AM Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at Clapp, the Common and Crane, in that order. Here, Eric Pruyne is seen kneeling at the fire. Others from left to right are: Roger Davis, Marlene Stevens, Harold Byrde, Susan Doyle, Mary Ann Komuniecki and Suzanne Spellios. Also in the cast are Marion Ryder, Kermit Pruyne and Dorothy Morwich. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Roberts are in charge of planning and scenery; L. Wilson Foster handles the stage crew; and Mrs. Lars V. Larsen is in charge of production with the following serving on costumes: the Misses Eileen Berry and Marie Store, Mrs. Floyd McGuffin and Mrs. Granville S. Pruyne. The production is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department with the aid of the Junior League and Town Players. 8/28

## Coming Week's Schedule for 8-28-48 The Playgrounds

### CARNIVAL WEEK

**Monday—**  
Junior League recordings, 9.30-11.30 AM.  
Semifinals of boys' hardball tournament.  
Common, 10 AM, for seniors and juniors.  
Coltsville girls vs Pitt, Pitt, 2 PM.  
Common midgets softball game vs Clapp.  
Common, 10 AM.  
Father and son ball game, Deming, 6 PM.  
Hot dog race and food race, Crane, 6 PM.  
Free movies, Wahconah and Deming.  
8.30 PM.  
Circus, Osceola, 7 PM.  
**Tuesday—**  
Junior League recordings, Deming, 9.30-11.30 AM.  
Copsy Round-up, Springside, 2.30-3.30 PM.  
**Wednesday—**  
Junior League recordings, Common, 9.30-11.30 AM.  
Osceola youngsters' party, Osceola, 2 PM.  
Hayride, Coltsville, 6.30 PM.  
Round-up and talent show for Highland.  
Holy Family Hall, 8 PM.  
Father and son softball game, Springside, 7 PM.  
Food race and raffle, Coolidge, 7 PM.  
Raffle, Deming, 7.30 PM.  
**Thursday—**  
Picnic, Deming, 2.30 PM.  
Picnic or overnight camp-out for Common girls.  
Talent show, Root, 6.45 PM.  
Wahconah girls volleyball vs Crane.  
Crane, 7 PM.  
Children's party, Coolidge, 3 PM.  
**Friday—**  
Round-up day, games, races and stunts, both afternoon and evening; final registration.

The Park Department warns children to register at their playground before noon Saturday, and urges them to listen to the two radio stations for news bulletins and playground programs.

Miss Ruth M. Powell and Miss Marilyn F. Hughes, supervisors of arts and crafts and music and dancing, will visit several playgrounds during the week for make-up sessions. Their visits will be announced on the playground bulletin boards.

## Common Aces Win Passes to Game 8/27

The Common Aces will get baseball passes for beating Deming 13 to 9 yesterday at Clapp Park to take the girls' softball championship of the playgrounds. The passes are for next Friday's ball game at Wahconah Park between the Brass Rail, now competing in the All American amateur tournament in Johnstown, Pa., and the junior team of all-stars which the New York Yankees have touring the country.

Libera Principe was the winning pitcher, while Marcia Gerlach and Betty Collins were on the mound for Deming. Janet Gerlach got four hits in four times at bat for Deming, while Gilda DeFazio and Anna DeVanna hit triples for the Common. The Common did most of its scoring in the first and fifth innings getting five runs in each frame. Peter Metallo umpired.

## Band Concert Tomorrow Is Season's Final

Park Square will be the scene of the sixth and final free band concert in the summer series tomorrow night at 8. It is sponsored by the Pittsfield Federation of Musicians and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The 28-piece concert group will be directed by Frank W. Miller. A section of bleachers will be set up in the park to handle the expected crowd.

Four concerts have been held at Pontoosuc Lake and one was at Springside Park. The service is made possible by the Transcription Fund of the National Federation of Musicians.

## Pro Girls Team Wins Over North Adams, 7 to 4 8/27

Hard hitting and good fielding behind five hit pitching of Jean Keefe led the Professional Girls' softball team to a 7 to 4 win over North Adams at Clapp Park Thursday night.

Norma Fitch, Ginger Zajchowski and Peg Kirby sparked the attack for the winners while Nancy Wittig excelled for North Adams. Jean Keefe on the mound for the winners allowed five hits, struck out four, and walked three while her mates collected 11 hits off the North Adams hurler.

The two teams will meet again Wednesday night on Blackburn Field in North Adams.

## Records Broken For Attendance At City Beaches

The city's beaches and pools last week were used to a greater extent than for any other corresponding period in history, William L. Stuart, supervisor of aquatics for the Parks and Recreation Department, announced today. He said the combined attendance for the Pontoosuc Lake public beach, the Springside Park pool and the Crane Playground pool was 14,646.

The highest week in 1947 showed 13,063, and the best week in the 1946 season was only 4688.

Only seven life-guard incidents were reported during the week, Stuart said. He saw that as unusual, in view of the record attendance. His report also showed only 42 first-aid cases for swimmers.

## Women's Teams Compete Monday For Softball Title

The Professional Drug girls will play the Hinsdale Country Club in softball Monday night at 6.15 at Clapp Park, for the championship of the second round in the Women's Softball League. The Professional Drug won the first half of the league which is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, with Miss Helen L. Gorman in charge. Hinsdale has won five for five and the Professional Drug has taken three out of three starts.

Other games scheduled for next week are: Tuesday on the Common, Professional Drug and General Electric, and at Clapp will be the Independents and Bombardiers; Wednesday at North Adams, the Professional Drug against North Adams, and at Clapp will be the General Electric and the Aces. All games start at 6.15.

## Boys' Baseball Tourney Reaches Semifinals

The semifinals of the boys' baseball playground tournament will be Monday morning at 10 on the Common between the Deming and Clapp seniors, and the Deming and Wahconah juniors. That afternoon at 2, also on the Common, the Francis Avenue and Springside juniors will play off, and so will the Common and Springside seniors. The finals will be Tuesday morning at 10 on the Common.



# Brass Rail Winner of Two More Games

## Bill McMahon Gets Credit For Two More Mound Wins

Coach Ray Goodrich's Boys Beat  
Baltimore 4 to 1 and Concord, N.H.,  
15 to 9 in 10 Innings at Johnstown, Pa.

By ROGER E. O'GARA

8/28

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—The Brass Rail baseball team of Pittsfield, Mass., who scored two victories in the All-American Baseball Tourney here yesterday afternoon, will oppose Washington tonight at 7.30. The winner of that contest will take on Newark at 1 tomorrow. In the second contest at 3.30 tomorrow the winner of the first tilt will oppose New Orleans, the only unbeaten team in the competition. Should New Orleans win tomorrow afternoon that would end the tourney but if New Orleans should lose there will be a game Monday night at 7.30 to decide the championship. New Orleans defeated Newark 12-9 last night.

### McMahon Boys Star

The McMahons, Eddie and Bill, no relation, blazed away in different ways here yesterday afternoon, as they led their team into the semifinals of the all-American amateur baseball tournament with wins over Baltimore, Md., and Concord, N.H. Home runs by phlegmatic Eddie in both halves of the double bill at sun-baked Roxbury Field provided the exact margin of win in each instance, and fireball Bill was the winning pitcher in both contests.

As the thermometer hit 101 for the warmest August day in Johnstown since 1936, Pittsfield's torrid batting downed Baltimore 4-1 and Concord 15-9 in a 10-inning marathon, which was decided by Brass Rail's seven-run spurge in the top half of the final turn. In the two games, Coach Ray Goodrich's men made 26 hits. Thus Pittsfield becomes one of the four survivors of the original field of 15.

Jack Shields will hurl tonight for Pittsfield. Baseball-minded Johnstown general contractors this morning were preparing bids on the needed annex to the front porch of the residence of Edward McMahon at 42 Stoddard Avenue, Pittsfield. More space is needed there to accommodate the horde of major league scouts who most certainly will be knocking each other down to obtain the signature of the lean Pittsfield third baseman when he gets his diploma from Pittsfield High School next June. In the double bill yesterday, Eddie drove in seven runs. He has knocked in 10 in five tournament games. Bill hurled no-hit ball for four innings in the opener against Baltimore, but had to retire after the fifth because his right arm had been bruised by a pitched ball. When he left, he had a 1-0 lead, so he received official credit for the victory. Yet Brass Rail retained the advantage through superb fireman work by red-sleeved Al Goerlach, making his third satisfactory tournament relief appearance.

### Concord Ties Score

Goerlach came on again in the second game as the embattled Concord youngsters refused to quit after Pittsfield built up a 7-1 lead in the first three and one-half innings. But the second trip was too much for him, and the New Hampshire outfit tied the score at 8-all on two circuit drives which brought three runs in the seventh. That's when Bill McMahon took over. Bill seemed to have recovered from his arm injury, and held the opposition scoreless until the 10th, when they made one run in a dying gesture to fight against the inevitable. Concord filled the bases on him in the eighth, but he got the third out on a strikeout, and he retired the side on strikes in the ninth. The Concord counter in the 10th was the result of two rather cheap hits, an error and a pass, but that was of little concern to the hopped up Pittsfield team.

In running his tournament victory skein to three, McMahon built up his strikeout total to 22. He has allowed only six hits in 17 innings. Pittsfield defied the heat and a seemingly unjust assignment by the tournament pairings committee. Supporters of the Brass Rail club expressed righteous indignation when they learned that they would have to play two games in one afternoon.

### Blasts Key Man

At the same time, John Massimiano, Pittsfield's representative on the All-American Amateur Baseball Association's board, blasted Arthur Bellone, Brooklyn's delegate and a key man on the pairings committee, for again giving Brooklyn a bye. Brooklyn's first-round rest was legitimate, but Massimiano saw another bye for the Flatbush Avenue crowd today as something more than coincidental. And just about everyone in Johnstown agreed with him, although no one did anything about it. When the Brass Rail players trooped off the field tired but happy last night after almost six hours of baseball, they had finished their fifth game while Brooklyn was playing its third. Incidentally, Brooklyn lost to Washington 3-2, and so is out of the tournament. That result was very popular with most of the people around tournament headquarters. The Brooklyn outfit doesn't appear to be any more popular than a former Massachusetts resident who once headed that team's entry in the National League. Pittsfield played errorless ball in the Baltimore contest, and pulled three double plays.

But until the seventh, when Eddie McMahon hit his three-run homer, it was a mighty insecure margin which the Brass Rail held. Pittsfield scored once in the first of Don Troy's line double to left and Ed McMahon's line single to right. From then up to the seventh, it had loads of chances, but in the first four innings alone, it had seven men left on bases. Brass Rail prospects dimmed when McMahon had to leave, but Goerlach proved a worthy possessor. The kid allowed only four infield hits in his four-inning stint, and should have escaped without a run. The sole Baltimore score came on a roller to third baseman Ed McMahon, who cut it to second for what seemed like an inning-ending force-out, but the base umpire didn't see it that way. That came in the eighth. Goerlach opened the fruitful seventh with a fly single to left. Duke Lahart attempted to sacrifice, but forced him at second. Troy got a hit when left fielder Ed Frankowski missed a shoe-string try on a looping fly ball near the line. Lahart held up at second. Then came McMahon's mighty clout. It was a towering fly ball between the left and center fielders. It rolled approximately 425 feet on the open field to the edge of a highway.

## Plays Washington

## Tonight

Mahon. Losing pitcher. Whelan. Umpires. Capozzi and Kostura. Time, 1h. 47m.

Brass Rail					Concord				
ab	h	p	o	a	ab	h	p	o	a
Lahart, s	7	3	2	0	Dionne, 2	6	1	7	1
Troy, 2	5	2	3	3	Adams, s	6	1	3	2
EMcM'n, 3	6	3	2	1	Bailey, rf	5	3	1	0
Hayes, lf	4	0	2	0	H'diman, cf	5	2	4	1
Adeson, cf	6	3	4	1	B'quist, lf	5	2	3	0
Flynn, c	2	1	2	0	Simpson, 1b	6	2	9	2
Creer, c	3	2	8	0	Comolli, c	5	2	3	1
Caden, 1	6	0	7	0	Strachan, 3	0	0	0	2
Red'lon, rf	1	0	0	0	Ahern, s	3	1	0	2
Hatch, rf	3	2	0	0	Eastman, p	0	0	0	1
Pucko, p	2	1	0	2	Ford, p	4	1	0	2
Murray, p	0	0	0	0	Duffet, p	0	0	0	0
Go'lach, p	1	0	0	1	Fogg, p	0	0	0	0
WMcM'n, p	2	1	0	1					

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Brass Rail ..... 004 310 000 7-15

Concord ..... 001 220 300 1-9

Runs, Lahart, Troy, E. McMahon, 3. Hayes, 3. Adeson, 2. Creer, Caden, Reddington, Hatch, Pucko, Adams, Bailey, 2. Hardiman, 2. Borgquist, 2. Simpson, Strachan. Runs batted in, Lahart, 3. E. McMahon, 3. Adeson, 3. Flynn, 2. Creer, Reddington, Dionne, Bailey, Hardiman, Borgquist, Simpson, 3. Comolli, 2. Errors, Lahart, E. McMahon, Hayes, Dionne, Hardiman, Simpson, Strachan, Ahern. Two-base hits, Adams, Simpson, Comolli, Ahern. Three-base hit, Adeson. Home run, E. McMahon. Bailey, Simpson. Stolen bases, Troy, E. McMahon. Sacrifices, Troy, 2. Double plays, Adeson, Pucko and E. McMahon; Hardiman, Comolli, Ford and Dionne. Left on bases, Brass Rail 12, Concord 12. Base on balls, off Pucko 1, Murray 2, McMahon 3, Eastman 3, Ford 4. Struck out, by Pucko 1, Murray 1, Goerlach 2, McMahon 6, Eastman 1, Ford 2. Hits, off Pucko, 5 in 3 2-3 innings; Eastman, 6 in 2 2-3; Murray, 3 in 1 1-3; Ford, 8 in 6 1-3; Goerlach, 4 in 2; Duffet, 4 in 1-3; McMahon, 3 in 3; Fogg, 0 in 2-3. Wild pitches, Ford 2. Winning pitcher, McMahon. Losing pitcher, Ford. Umpires, Varner and Litzinger. Time, 3h, 5m.

### Tournament Sidelights

Ted Giddings, The Eagle's rod and gun columnist, wouldn't like it down here. Local anglers have to go 40 miles away to drop a line. The rivers and streams in the Johnstown area are polluted by waste from the steel mills.

Brass Rail rooters didn't like the listing on the portable scoreboard at the Westmont High field Wednesday. The titles were Brooklyn and Massachusetts.

Women are employed as motor-men on the trolley cars here. And in practically every hotel and department store, ladies run the elevators.

Jack Rue, chief photographer for the Johnstown Tribune, at one time lived in Connellsville, Pa. He says he knows Gene Hasson well.

Eddie McMahon won himself a canary yellow sport shirt for getting a triple in the first inning of the Brooklyn game. The donor of the shirt was Bill Knoblock, who wore it on the trip down. Bill received such a razzing that he announced he would award it to the first Pittsfield home run hitter. McMahon's hit officially was a triple. But he completed the circuit, and Bill didn't quibble about giving up the shirt.

Newspapermen covering the games are complaining because the tournament officials don't decide until midnight what the schedule for the next day will be.

To a man, the Brass Rail players were glad to hear that they were to play in the municipal stadium. That's where the Pittsfield-Johnstown game took place. Pittsfield infielders didn't like the Westmont High field. It was bumpy and full of rocks and patches of rough grass.

The Pittsfield delegation has met a genuine Dixiecrat, Mrs. Frank H. Clark of Baltimore. Mrs. Clark is a native of Alabama. Her husband is a scout for the Baltimore Orioles.

### McMahon Fourth Pitcher

Bill McMahon was the fourth Brass Rail pitcher in the second game. He followed Dick Pucko, Bobby Murray and Goerlach. Pucko suffered his second successive tournament shelling in the fourth when Concord made two runs to start its menacing drive toward ultimate complete erasure of Pittsfield's six-run lead. Murray wasn't effective, and he gave way to Goerlach after the never-say-die New Hampshire kids scored twice more in the fifth. Goerlach actually took over at the outset of the sixth. He managed to survive the inning, but Concord landed hard in the seventh.

The count was knotted at 8-all as Bill Bailey and Harold Simpson hit homers to center and right fields, respectively. Pittsfield's wild 10th went like this. Troy opened with a base hit that shortstop Bill Adams stopped but couldn't play. Then McMahon, with that rhythmic swing, rode a pitch far into the wide open stretches of deep center. Hardiman backed fast on it, but never had a chance. It was just about the same length as the one Eddie made against Baltimore. Hayes reached on an error by first baseman Simpson. Bobby Adeson tripled him home, and scored himself on Walt Creer's single. An error by third baseman Bill Ahern on Pete Caden's grounder and Earl Hatch's good drag bunt filled the bases, and Lahart singled for two more runs. A wild peg by second baseman Paul Dionne provided transportation for the seventh score of the turn. All in all, Pittsfield sent 11 hitters to the plate in the inning. Sponsor Pat Cioffi handed each of his boys a lavish meal allowance as a token of his appreciation of their fine play. And he said, beaming as if he had inherited a fortune: "I died a little in each inning."

### The score:

Brass Rail					Baltimore				
ab	h	p	o	a	ab	h	p	o	a
Lahart, s	3	1	1	3	Schneider, 2	2	1	1	1
Troy, 2	3	2	6	1	Wright, 3	4	1	1	2
EMcM'n, 3	4	2	2	2	Smetona, cf	4	0	2	0
Hayes, lf	3	0	2	0	Vito, c	4	1	8	0
Adeson, cf	4	0	0	0	Adams, rf	4	1	2	0
Creer, c	3	0	9	2	Biscoe, s	4	1	3	4
Caden, 1	4	0	6	0	Fran'ski, lf	1	1	0	0
Red'lon, rf	4	1	0	0	Gr'barek, rf	0	0	0	0
WMcM'n, p	1	1	1	2	Topolski, 2	2	0	7	0
Go'lach, p	2	1	0	0	Rosfield, lf	1	0	0	0
					Whelan, p	2	0	0	2
					Ares, p	0	0	0	0
					Donahue, p	0	0	0	2
					Neville	1	0	0	0

31 8 27 10 29 6 24 11

Brass Rail ..... 100 000 30-4

Baltimore ..... 000 000 010-1

\*Batted for Ares in 8th.

Runs, Lahart, Troy, 2. E. McMahon, Biscoe. Runs batted in, E. McMahon, 4. Wright. Two-base hits, Troy, W. McMahon. Home run, E. McMahon. Double plays, Creer and Troy; W. McMahon and Troy; Lahart, Troy and Caden; Schneider and Topolski. Left on bases, Brass Rail 8, Baltimore 5. Base on balls, off W. McMahon 3, Goerlach 1, Whelan 4. Struck out, by W. McMahon 5, Goerlach 4, Whelan 6, Donahue 1. Hits, off W. McMahon, 2 in 5 innings; Whelan, 7 in 6 1-3; Goerlach, 4 in 4; Ares, 0 in 2-3; Donahue, 1 in 1. Hit by pitcher, by Whelan (McMahon). Wild pitch, Whelan. Winning pitcher, W. McMahon.



# Infield Collapse in Ninth Puts Brass Rail Out Shields Hurls Superbly, But Washington Wins 6-5

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**Pittsfield Team Leads 5-3 Entering  
Last Half of Ninth—Squeeze Play  
Ends Game—Creer, Adeson Hit Hard**

By ROGER O'GARA

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Never behind until a second epidemic of infield misplays brought about a disastrous ninth-inning situation, Pittsfield's Brass Rail bowed out of the All-American amateur baseball tournament here Saturday night on a 6-5 loss to Washington's fighting defending champions. Approximately 7000 saw courageous Jackie Shields, working his first tournament game, suffer a heart-breaking defeat in the opening of the semifinal round.

## Every Boot Hurts

All five of Brass Rail's miscues figured in the scoring. Only one of the District of Columbia team's runs was earned.

Shields was touched rather freely, but he was superb with men on bases. In both the seventh and eighth innings, he worked out of tight spots through sheer coolness and masterful control. But three defensive collapses, two of them official errors, brought about his demise in the ninth.

He wasn't around at the finish. Ace Bill McMahon relieved him with a man on second, one out and the score tied. McMahon wasn't himself, and proceeded to load the bases with a hit batsman and a pass. Then came a game-ending squeeze play by Ed Moyle, a left-handed batter. Moyle put the ball down on the roll to first baseman Pete Caden, and there went the game. Shields officially was the losing pitcher.

Medium-sized Benny DuVal, a left-hander, went the route for Washington. He wasn't exactly a mystery, as the Pittsfield club combed him for 10 hits, including prodigious triples by Walter Creer and Bobby Adeson. Creer's came with the bases full in the opening inning, and sent Pittsfield off to a flying 3-0 lead.

DuVal was wild, but he also was sharp. He walked eight, and fanned nine. He was poised itself in the clutches, and stranded 12 Brass Rail runners.

## Team Hits .308

Thus, ironically, Brass Rail, which was supposed to be a smooth fielding team but not robust at bat, came to grief for the second time in tournament competition, through wholesale defensive letdowns. On the other hand, Coach Ray Goodrich's young men, generally speaking, hit like blazes against supposedly strong pitching. Their tournament batting average was .308.

The Washington ninth was a nightmare for the handful of Pittsfield supporters and a bitter pill for Shields, who had suffered enough pressure in the two preceding innings. Dick Janigan, a left-handed hitter, opened the turn by raising a seemingly harmless fly between the box and shortstop. The call was for Duke Lahart, but the Brass Rail shortstop couldn't reach the ball. And since third baseman Eddie McMahon didn't move over, it went for the cheapest kind of a base hit.

Bill Jones doubled off the center field wall, but Janigan stopped at third. Eddie McMahon took Sal DeGiorgi's grounder, chased Janigan back to third, but pegged into the dirt at first base. Both Janigan and Jones counted, and the score was tied. Bob Bickford forced DeGiorgi at second on a grounder to Donnie Troy, but Lahart's try for a double play went over Caden's head and the hitter moved to second. Then Bill McMahon came in. He hit Ed Claxton, passed Rod Haggerty and Moyle broke it up with his squeeze bunt on a 0-1 pitch.

DuVal's wildness paved the way for Pittsfield's scores in the first. After Eddie McMahon forced Troy, who had singled, Bobby Hayes and Bobby Adeson both drew passes. Creer hit sharply to right for three runs and as many bases, but he was cut down in an attempt to stretch the hit.

The only earned run off Shields was the first. It came in the third on DuVal's double off the left field screen and John Hogan's single to center.

Boots by Troy and Lahart, a wild throw by Caden, two stolen bases and Bickford's double tied the score for Washington in the fifth.

But Brass Rail went ahead again in the sixth. Singles by Adeson, Caden and John Reddington brought a run.

Pittsfield gained a two-run lead by scoring again in the top of the ninth. It all happened after the first two men went out. Earl Hatch, in for Hayes, singled to center, and Adeson walked. Creer's base knock over second brought in Hatch.

Creer was the Brass Rail hitting star. He batted in four runs with a triple and a pair of singles. Adeson also scintillated offensively. He reached on all five of his trips to the plate. His triple was a mighty blow, which rolled to the 400-foot marker in right field. He had a single in his other official try. He drew three passes.

Although Washington was credited with 16 hits, several were scratch. Yet the club did have some fine hitters. Janigan, Jones and Haggerty all had three safeties apiece.

Shields did a very effective job on DeGiorgi, the Washington catcher, who was rated as one of the top batsmen in the tournament. He fanned the big fellow twice, and DeGiorgi went none for five.

None for five also was the fate of Eddie McMahon, who entered the game with a .478 batting average. But Eddie hit the ball hard several times.

## Three Fly Down

Clém Farrell, Dr. Garvey W. Adeson and Ed Gilligan, the Lenox High coach, flew down for the game. Their pilot was Jack Heaton. The flight to Johnstown lasted four hours and 15 minutes.

The score:

Washington	ab	h	p	o	a	Brass Rail	ab	h	p	o	a
Hogan, rf	4	1	0	1	0	Lahart, s	4	0	2	2	2
Witzel, lf	0	0	0	0	0	Troy, 2	4	1	4	6	6
Mitchell, lf	1	0	1	0	0	E.M.M'n, 3	5	0	2	0	0
Janigan, cf	5	3	1	0	0	Hayes, lf	1	0	0	0	0
Jones, 3	4	3	0	0	0	Hatch, lf	3	1	1	0	0
DeGiorgi, c	5	0	10	1	0	Adeson, cf	2	2	2	0	0
Bickford, lf	5	1	1	0	0	Creer, c	5	3	8	1	0
Claxton, s	4	2	4	0	0	Caden, 3	3	2	5	1	0
Haggerty, 2	4	3	4	3	0	Redg'n, rf	5	1	1	0	0
Moyle, 1	5	1	6	1	0	Shields, p	3	0	0	0	0
DuVal, p	4	2	0	3	0	W.M.M'n, p	0	0	0	0	0
	41	16	27	13			35	10	25	10	

\*One out when winning run scored.  
Runs: Janigan 2, Jones, DeGiorgi, Bickford, DuVal, E. McMahon, Hayes, Hatch, Adeson 2. Runs batted in: Hogan, Bickford, Moyle, Creer 4, Reddington. Errors: Haggerty, Lahart 2, Troy, E. McMahon, Caden. Two-base hits: Jones, Bickford, Haggerty, DuVal. Three-base hits: Adeson, Creer. Stolen bases: Janigan 2, DeGiorgi. Sacrifices: Jones, Caden. Double plays: Haggerty, Claxton and Moyle. Left on bases: Washington 13, Brass Rail 12. Base on balls, off DuVal 8, off W. McMahon 1. Struck out, by DuVal 9, by Shields 7. Hits, off Shields 15 in 8 1-3 innings, off W. McMahon 1 in 0. Hit by pitcher, by W. McMahon (Claxton). Wild pitch: DuVal. Losing pitcher: Shields. Umpires: Kostura, Billedeux and Patrick. Time: 2h. 25m.

## Tourney Sidelights

Notwithstanding the elimination of Johnstown, home town fans continued to patronize the tournament games. People talked intelligently about the merits of the New Orleans, Newark, Washington and Pittsfield teams.

Brass Rail won a host of followers for its hot weather play Friday. Most Johnstown people felt that the Pittsfield team received a severe assignment in being asked to play two games in such extreme heat.

One Johnstown woman stood behind the Pittsfield bench throughout the Concord game, and kept pleading for the Brass Rail players to win. She said over and over again, "You can't lose, boys. You can't lose."

A rather elderly man served the Pittsfield team well in the late stages of the Concord game. He dipped a towel into a pail of cold water and applied it to feverish brows of Bill McMahon and Eddie Toole of Lee. McMahon was perspiring profusely, and Toole, who is covering the tournament for the Springfield Union, suffered a slight heat stroke.

Pitcher Al Goerlach showed that he was an apt pupil Friday afternoon at Roxbury Field. He was warming up before the start of the Baltimore game, and struck up an acquaintance with Ed Katalinas, a scout for the Detroit Tigers. Katalinas showed him how to throw a drop ball. Goerlach tried it several times, then proceeded to use it in a relief capacity in the Baltimore game. It worked beautifully.

Coach Ray Goodrich disclaimed any credit for Bill McMahon's saving effort in the Concord contest. Ray said that he was at his wit's end as to what to do when the New Hampshire team teed off on Al Goerlach. Suddenly he looked up, and saw Bill McMahon warming up. He asked McMahon what he was doing.

McMahon replied, "Getting ready to go in."  
Goodrich said, "You're in."

The Saturday edition of the Johnstown Democrat carried a big picture of McMahon completing the circuit on his home run in the Baltimore game. Also shown are many of his teammates waiting to greet him. Eddie has his usual poker face. The boy certainly wears his honors well.

The team had several dozen bats but one stick delivered most of the base hits in the Baltimore and Concord games. Most of the regulars suddenly developed a liking for Donnie Troy's favorite wood.

Pat Cioffi raked the team for its faltering play in the middle innings of the Concord game. He stormed up and down in front of the bench, as he urged the players to show fight. The dressing-down seemed to bring results. After the game, Pat apologized to the boys.

Bill Knoblock may give up his job as superintendent at the City Farm. He's thinking about becoming a bituminous coal miner. Friday night, he and Johnny Massimiano met a 32-year-old man

from the soft coal fields. The miner had been celebrating the end of a work week, and he showed them his pay check stub: Gross pay for a 10-day period — \$212; take-home pay, \$187.

Earl Grose, boys' work secretary for the Johnstown YMCA, asked me to give his regards to Jack Roser Jr., of Pittsfield. They were at Bucknell University together.

Earl recently returned from the camp where the Johnstown High football squad is practicing. He estimated that the grocery bill for 50 players for two weeks was \$3000. The Johnstown High Athletic Association pays the expenses.

Ernie Podliner, Johnstown shortstop, is a freshman football candidate at Waynesburg College. Podliner was excused from grid drills for several days so that he could play in the tournament.

Nineteen-year-old Walter Dunsford, son of Coach Warren (Puz) Dunsford of the Johnstown team, is playing with the Johnstown Johnnies of the Class C Middle Atlantic League.

Joe Brehancy of the Pittsburgh Pirates is another of the major league scouts at the tournament. Joe is much interested in Pittsfield's third baseman, Eddie McMahon, but can't talk to him now. Eddie has another year at Pittsfield High.

The Johnstown papers list the center fielders as "m" in box scores. Apparently that means "middle."

The official temperature in Johnstown Thursday afternoon was 101.

The Westmont High football squad is scrimmaging already. It has lost only one game in two seasons. One of the Westmont High players was asking me whether I knew a certain member of the Brass Rail team. After I said that I did, he observed solemnly, "He and I are rivals in love."

There have been numerous form reversals in the tournament. Philadelphia, which was one of the semifinalists in 1947, was eliminated in two straight games. Its losses were to New Orleans and New York. Amsterdam also was knocked out in two straight.

Concord, N.H. has been the surprise team. It trounced Pittsburgh, 14-5, and upset Washington's defending champions, 11-9.

Nanty-Glo, home town of Johnny Metro, the Electric's leftfielder, is only a short distance from Johnstown. There's a Metro playing first base for the Nanty-Glo entry in the Cambria County Industrial League.

A good luck telegram to Pat Cioffi arrived Wednesday night. It contained the names of 101 Berkshire County citizens. Coach Ray Goodrich read off every name to the squad at a pre-bed pep session.



## Brass Rail Faces Yankees In Homecoming Game Tonight

Wahconah Park Attraction Slated  
To Start at 7.30—Bill McMahon 9/3  
Ready To Go for Home Outfit

By ROGER O'GARA

The talented young men for whom everyone was rooting when they were 500 miles away last week will come home tonight to face a test as severe as any they had in the All-American amateur baseball tournament. Brass Rail's capable club, which went to the semifinals of the fast competition at Johnstown, Pa., will oppose the New York Yankees Stars of Tomorrow at Wahconah Park. Starting time will be 7.30.

Because of the \$250 guarantee which has been promised to the hand-picked Yankees, the best in New Jersey interscholastic ranks, promoters of the contest are hoping that the "tomorrow" in the name of the visiting outfit doesn't confuse fans. They emphasize that the game will be very much this evening. A stop-in at Wahconah tomorrow won't help a bit.

The engagement also is viewed as a homecoming party for Coach Ray Goodrich's Brass Rail. Because of uncertainty concerning their time of arrival last Sunday night, no official greeting was extended by the city as a whole. Thus, fans this evening will be able to prove, by attending, that they want to pay tribute to the Pittsfield team.

Bill McMahon, Brass Rail's ace fireballer, twice an All-Berkshire selection at St. Joseph's High and a member of the All-New England team in the Braves' Field spectacle this summer, is slated to pitch against the highly-rated visitors. Goodrich earlier in the week said he didn't want to overwork McMahon, but Bill asked for the assignment. He struck out 22 and allowed only seven hits in 17 innings of tournament work last week.

Brass Rail is in excellent shape after the heavy tournament schedule. The only casualty was Coach Goodrich, who came back with a heavy cold. But he'll be there tonight.

Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, the old Yankee pitching star, who with George Selkirk, another ex-New York American player, helped to select the team, won't be present. In charge will be Frank Novasel, varsity baseball coach at Wake

Forest College. Novasel played third base in the Pacific Coast League, and was with the St. Louis Cardinals chain system as a scout until he joined the Yankees' organization two years ago. He has been covering the Eastern and Southern areas.

The Yankees have six pitchers. Listed on the staff, with age, weight and home town following the names, are right-handers John Maroney, 20, 190, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Gus Bartholomae, 18, 175, Newark, N.J., Rudolph Schultz, 17, 175, Roselle Park, N.J., Karl Carlstrom, 21, 180, Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and Ben Franklin Wilbur, 17, 160, Somerville, N.J., and left-hander Ralph Steinberg, 17, 175, Freehold, N.J.

Two outstanding members of the club are the O'Brien twins of South Amboy, N.J. Both are 150-pounders. The Yankees' press agent reports that second baseman Johnny recently has received five professional offers. Eddie is an outfielder. Both were with the South Amboy, N.J., entry in the Johnstown tournament. South Amboy, competing under the name of Newark, was one of the semifinalists. The team was beaten by Washington the afternoon following the District of Columbia's win over Pittsfield.

## Brass Rail To Resume 8/1 Work Tonight

Locals To Meet  
Yankee Juniors  
Here Friday Night

Fully rested after their return from the All-American amateur baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa., the Brass Rail team will resume practice tonight at 6 at Clapp Park for its contest with the New York Yankees' Stars of Tomorrow at Wahconah Park, Friday night at 7.30.

Coach Ray Goodrich gave his young men Monday and yesterday off, but he expects everyone out for a serious drill this evening.

The New York team will be making its first formal start after a fortnight of practice. The best 18-year-olds in the New York-New Jersey area were chosen by Vernon (Lefty) Gomez and George Selkirk, former Yankees, from a field of 600 candidates.

The Yankee juniors will play in Albany, Kingston and Newburgh, N.Y., after appearing here. The club will carry 18 men.

John Massimiano, Parks and Recreation Department athletics director, who made the booking, said today that Gomez probably will be with the team. John expects definite word on the matter today.

## Yankee Stars of Tomorrow Play Here Tomorrow Night 7/2

By ROGER O'GARA

Many or all of the Yankee Stars of Tomorrow never may get into Yankee Stadium without buying tickets, but the New Jersey scholastic luminaries, who were chosen from an original field of 600 by Vernon (Lefty) Gomez and George Selkirk, look good on paper. The club, which will oppose Brass Rail's All-American tournament semifinalists at Wahconah Park tomorrow night at 7.30, has many collegians and plenty of size.

Represented on the roster which was sent to the game's promoter, John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, are Villanova, Rutgers, George Washington University, the University of Delaware, Muhlenberg, Lafayette and St. Peter's. Five of the collegians are about to become sophomores.

Five are six feet or better in height, and only one boy stands below five feet, 10 inches.

The Yankee-sponsored Jersey outfit certainly will dwarf Brass Rail, whose infielders, Pete Caden at first, Donnie Troy at second,

and Dukie Lahart at short, are far from big.

The Yankees have three pitchers at the moment. They are 20-year old Johnny Maroney of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., and Gus Bartholomae, 18, of Newark, N.J., both right-handers, and Ralph Steinberg, 17, a southpaw, of Freehold, N.J.

Maroney will be a sophomore at Villanova in the fall. He is a stocky young man, and is said to be exceptionally fast. He stands five feet, 11 inches, and weighs 190 pounds.

The other right-hander, Bartholomae, played last spring for West Side High School at Newark. He stands five feet, 10, and weighs 176. Steinberg, a 180-pounder, is an even six feet. He played earlier this season with the Freehold (N.J.) High, which won its county championship.

Left-handed swinging Franny Gallagher of Irvington High is rated the best young catcher in the state of New Jersey. He is alert, and has a strong arm.

Third baseman Harry Hill has declined all professional baseball

offers so that he can enter Lafayette College this fall. He hit .453 in three seasons at Irvington (N.J.) High.

Other players are as follows: Dick Karl, 18, of Belmar, N.J., infielder-catcher; Lou Ciarrocca, 18, of Hoboken, catcher-second baseman; Dolson (Doc) Ayers, 18, of Trenton, N.J., shortstop; Fred Mazzucca, 17, of Red Bank, shortstop; Harry Mill, 18, of Irvington, N.J., third baseman; Robert O'Donnell, 17, of Bayonne, N.J., third baseman; Richard Goldberg, 18, of Dunellen, N.J., outfielder; and Dave Romano, 18, of Nutley, N.J., outfielder.

Karl and Goldberg will be sophomores at Rutgers next month. Ayers and O'Donnell will be going into the same year at the University of Delaware and St. Peter's College, respectively. Entering college will be Ciarrocca at George Washington and Mazzucca at Muhlenberg.

## Jack Shields Signs With 8/31 The Athletics

Duke Lahart  
Formally Comes  
To Terms With Scout

Marty Jones, scout for the Philadelphia Athletics, returned to this section last night, and secured another young ball-player. He is pitcher Jackie Shields of this city. Shields and shortstop William (Dukie) Lahart, Lenox High star, who earlier had agreed to sign a contract, both formally came to terms last night.

Both signings took place in the boys' homes. The father of each was present. Jones said both probably would be assigned to a Class C team.

Both young men played last week with the Brass Rail team in the All-American amateur baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa. Each was graduated from high school in June. Shields won two baseball letters at Pittsfield High. Lahart played for Lenox High five years. He was regular second baseman as an eighth-grader.

Jones disclosed that the signing of these boys bring his season total of players to seven. Others who put their signatures on Athletics' contract are outfielders Jim Neils, Springfield Cathedral High star, and Frank Skowron, also of Springfield, Ray Chapman, catcher, and Andy Poletto, second baseman, both of Albany, and pitcher Robert Tweedie of Thomaston, Me.

Jones left this morning for his home in Germantown, Pa. During the school year, he is an athletic coach at Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J.

## Flea League 9/3 Champs Win Two More Tilts

The Wahconah All Stars entry in the Parks and Recreation Department Flea League added two more victories to its credit by defeating the Kiwanis nine twice by the same score, 13 to 11, at Deming Field.

In registering its 17th and 18th victories of the season without defeat each player contributed to the attack, but Bobby Hawboldt, Jim Culliton and Bob Hunt hit homers. Roger Dean got credit for both wins in relief.

The champs of the Flea League would like to play any team in the county for the championship. Members of the local team are Jim Culliton, John Daley, Bernie Kiley, Tom Scherbon, Bobby Hawboldt, Bob Hunt, Craig Viale, Bill Storie, Albert Dean, Joe Dougherty, Joe Newman, Joe Buckley, Neil McManus, Arnold Crennan, Dick Lloyd and Jackie Storie.

## Drug Girls Take Honors In Softball 9/3

Professional Drug's champions concluded their Businesswomen's Softball League schedule unbeaten Tuesday night by downing the General Electrics 10-4 at Deming Field. It was their 14th straight league win and their 20th in a row in all kinds of competition.

Norma Fitch hurled effectively for the winners. Millie Barnes pitched well for the losers, but poor support handicapped her. Professional Drug made seven runs in the fourth inning.

## Cheshire Inn, Cross Roads 6/31 To Start Play

Cheshire Inn and the Cross Roads Cafe will meet at Deming Field tomorrow night at 6.15 in the first game of a best of three series for the play-off championship of the Businessmen's Softball League. Eagle Cafe won the regular season title.

The Cheshire and Cross Roads teams both swept their first round series. Cheshire defeated the Postal AC 10-1 and 4-1, and the Cross Roads down Stevens & Company 13-1 and 6-1.

Probable batteries for tomorrow's game are Jimmy Ferry, pitching, and Danny Carey, for Cheshire Inn, Bill Petell, pitching, and Dom Carpino, catching for Cross Roads Cafe.

## Last Dance Saturday 9/12 At Springside House

The last Springside House dance of the season will be held Saturday evening from 7 to 11. All junior high and high school students are invited. The series has been sponsored by the Pittsfield Speed Skating Club to help finance its winter meets.

A radio will be drawn. The lucky ticket-holder must be present to receive the award.

## Park Movies at 8 3/4

The Park Department movies, scheduled tonight at Wahconah Park and Deming Playground, will start at 8 instead of 8.30. The shows will be the final this summer.





**IN PLAY-OFF FINALS:** Hollywood Grill's City Baseball League regular season champions already have qualified for the finals of the post season play-offs. The squad, left to right: Front row: Joe Knappe, Marvin (Nubbins) Manns, Bill Kozack, Llewellyn (Buddy) Francis, Adam (Bull) Soldato, Ernest (Tommy) Thomasson, Elmer (Bud) Dawley and Pete Gelaznik; back row: Louis Sibbio, sponsor, Joe Skowron, Manager Pete Pulaski, Gene Quirk, George McFarland, Charley Pytko, and Marty O'Gara, a capable group of players. 31

## Pro Drug Girls <sup>8/30</sup> Win Championship

Jean Keefe pitched the Professional Drug girls' softball team to the city championship by defeating the Hinsdale Country Club girls, 8 to 5 at Clapp Park Monday night. It was a close game all the way. Pro Drug took a one-run lead in the second, but Hinsdale forged to the front in the third. The locals scored three tallies in the fourth to take a one-run advantage. Hinsdale rallied to score three runs in the fifth and take over the lead once again. Pittsfield then scored four runs in the bottom of the same frame for victory, as the visitors went out in order in their half of the sixth and the game was called because of darkness. Jean Keefe held the losers to four hits and her mates collected seven off Betty (No-Hit) Baumann, the Hinsdale hurler.

## Girls' Nine <sup>8/30</sup> Will Play Drug Team

**HINSDALE** — The Hinsdale Country Club girls' softball team will play the Professional Drug team in a Pittsfield Business Women's League game Monday evening at 6.30 at Clapp Park. The Hinsdale team is in second place, one game behind the Drug team, and a victory by the locals will necessitate a play-off to determine the second-half champs. Professional Drug took the first half crown. Arrangements may be made to run a special bus to carry local fans to the contest. Betty Baumann, who has racked up two no-hit no-run games for the local aggregation, will do the mound honors.

## Free Block Dance <sup>8-31-44</sup> To Be Thursday

The next in the series of free block dances will be held in Bank Row Thursday night from 8.30 to 11, the Parks and Recreation Department announced today.

A 12-piece band representing the Pittsfield Federation of Musicians will play under the direction of Frank Miller. Compensation is provided through the transcription fund of the National Federation of Musicians.

## Aces Book <sup>8/31</sup> Poughkeepsie

### Grid Opener at Wahconah Park May Be Sept. 17

If the Pittsfield Electrics do not make the Canadian-American Baseball League play-offs, the Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Indians will be the opponents of the Tyler Aces in the local semipro football season opener at Wahconah Park Friday night, Sept. 17.

Otherwise, the Aces will start their campaign against the Troy (N.Y.) All-Stars Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26.

The Poughkeepsie team finished third last season in the New York State Semipro Football League.

Coach Lou Russo of the Aces has announced that he will carry 24 players. The squad has been practicing three times a week for the last two weeks.

The Aces have purchased new equipment. The color scheme will be as follows: Black and gold helmets, black and gold jerseys, black and gold stockings and khaki pants.

## Final Concert <sup>8-30-44</sup> Draws 1500 To Park Square

A gathering, estimated by Parks and Recreation Department officials at 1500, last night at Park Square attended the sixth and final free band concert of the summer series. Many sat in automobiles on each side of the park, and the City Hall steps and dawn were converted into temporary bleachers.

Stands were set up in the park itself.

Frank W. Miller directed the 28-piece unit of the Pittsfield Federation of Musicians. The union's transcription fund made possible the concerts. Four were held at the Pontiosuc Lake public beach and one at Springside Park.

The paid attendance of 1688 included 1450 adults and 238 children. That makes the total attendance here so far this season 50,688. 9/1

## Brass Rail <sup>8-30-44</sup> Players Back In the City

A group of 50, including many parents, greeted the Brass Rail baseball team last night at 10.45 upon its arrival from the All-American amateur baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

The Pittsfield Yellow Cab Company bus, carrying the tired athletes stopped at Pat Cioffi's North Street place of business at 10.45.

The players will rest today, but will resume practice tomorrow for their game Friday night at Wahconah Park against the New York Yankees' Stars of Tomorrow. That contest will start at 7.30.

## Grandstand Funds Sought <sup>9/9</sup> For Other Wahconah Jobs

Plans for making part of the ill-fated Wahconah grandstand appropriation available for improvements elsewhere in Wahconah Park were discussed last night at a meeting of the Park Commission.

The grandstand project was abandoned last month when bids for the construction job ran far in excess of the grandstand commission's \$74,000 appropriation. The Park Commission last night voted to try to arrange a meeting with the Grandstand Commission to explore the possibility of using a small part of the \$74,000 for improving the roadway entering Wahconah Park, building a pedestrian entrance, and providing additional toilet facilities.

Whether any of the \$74,000 can be used for these purposes without overstepping the terms of the Grandstand Commission's appropriation is a point the Park Commissioners want straightened out. When the Grandstand Commission was set up it was authorized to spend \$2500 for improving the entrance to Wahconah Park, but the Park Commissioners feel that this amount is completely inadequate for the job.

Last night's meeting of the Park Commission also listened to arguments from four members of the city-wide tennis committee, who have requested the construction of four tennis courts at Deming Field. The commissioners agreed that if further investigation shows the project to be feasible they will request an appropriation for the courts in their budget next year.

Before ending last night's session the commission voted to hold its future meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, rather than on the second and fourth Wednesday, as at present. This means that the next scheduled meeting will be Sept. 20.

## Playground Bouts <sup>9/9</sup> Tomorrow Night At Wahconah Park

Nine playground boxing bouts will be presented in the third show of the season at Wahconah Park tomorrow night at 7.15.

Six of the fights will be between representatives of the Berkshire Industrial School of Canaan, N.Y., and the Pittsfield parks. The other three scraps will be all-local affairs.

John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, is in charge of the program.

## Ed Deame Loses <sup>9/8</sup> At Springfield

Ed Deame, runner-up in the recent city men's singles championships, was defeated in the quarter-finals of the New England Public Parks tennis tournament Sunday afternoon in Springfield. He bowed to George Amsden of Plainville, Conn., 6-4, 6-1.

The Pittsfield doubles representatives, Charles Winter and Frank Deame, were eliminated in the first round Saturday afternoon by Carl Palangi and Richard Sletterink of Malden. The score was 6-3, 6-3.

Ed Deame reached the quarter-finals of the singles by drawing a bye in the first round and defeating Irving Bromberg of North Hartford, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, in the second round.

## Food Sale Friday

The Pittsfield Park Speed Skating Club will have a food sale Friday morning starting at 9.30 at the J. J. Newberry Store.



# Yankees' Stars of Tomorrow Defeat Brass Rail 9-8

9/4  
**Superiority in Field Is Big Factor  
In Visitors' Success—Home Club  
Makes Two Strong Bids—Lahart Stars**

By ROGER O'GARA

The broad-shouldered New Jerseyites, playing under the prophetic name of the New York Yankees' Stars of Tomorrow, some day may fill the hitting shoes of Joe DiMaggio and company, but it was fielding superiority which pulled them through last night. The travelling team defeated Pittsfield's Brass Rail 9-8 before approximately 1200 at Wahconah Park, solely because it committed less errors.

Actually, the home club had a 12-11 margin in hits, and only one of the dozen safeties was tainted. On the other hand, several of the visitors' blows had large smudges on them.

The Yankees had a great deal more poise. Maybe that can be attributed to their uniforms, which were exact replicas of those worn by the major league team they represent. And then, too, it could be due to their admitted edge in experience. At least half of them are in college.

Brass Rail led for only a few fleeting seconds. The Yankees scored once in the first, and the home outfit came back with a pair of runs in its half of the opening inning. But after the New York representatives had a four-run spurge in the second, they held the advantage all the way. Brass Rail on two different drives climbed to within one run.

## Carlstrom Checks Locals

Each team used three pitchers. The Yankees' clincher was 21-year-old Carl Carlstrom, who recently was discharged from the service. This right-handed swiftie, the third pitcher for his team, was pressed into duty at the outset of the ninth, because the Pittsfield team had Gus Bartholomae on the ropes in a two-run uprising in the eighth.

Carlstrom was just too good. Any hope of a rally vanished in the face of his hard one. He saved the thing by fanning Paul Bannick and getting Art Gwinnell and Dick Pucko on infield rollers.

The Yankees officially made four earned runs off Bill McMahon, the Brass Rail ace, in the second, but all of the scores stemmed directly from a cheap double. Dick Goldberg's high fly in short right field went for two bases because second baseman Donnie Troy had an attack of light jitters while attempting to field it. McMahon well might have been out of the inning without a score if the ball had been caught. But a single by John O'Brien and Doc Ayers' triple brought in three runs. Prior to Goldberg's fly, Lou Ciarrocca had tripled. Ciarrocca scored on Troy's dancing act. Then Francis Gallagher walked. McMahon braced to fan Ed O'Brien and Ben Wilbur, but the hits by John O'Brien and Ayers made it 5-2.

McMahon left after the second, and Al Goerlach took over for the Brass Rail. He was very impressive in setting the Yankees down scoreless for three consecutive innings, but they got to him for two runs in the sixth on a scratch hit, a pass, an outfield fly, a fielder's choice and an error.

The ultimate winning run came in the top of the eighth. Goldberg doubled to right, moved to third on Walt Creer's passed ball, and came over on Gallagher's single to right. That was all for Goerlach. Dick Pucko relieved him, and pitched hitless and runless ball for the remaining two innings. McMahon was charged with the loss.

Neither Ben Wilbur nor Gus Bartholomae, the first two Yankee pitchers, was particularly troublesome for Brass Rail. Wilbur departed at the end of the fourth, with his team leading 5-3. Officially, he was the winner. He had yielded seven hits. Bartholomae showed a halfway good curve ball. He fanned six, but he also walked six, and was reached for five hits in four innings.

## Rail Threatens

Brass Rail brought the crowd to its feet in the eighth. Duke Lahart, a flop as a hitter at the all-American amateur tournament at Johnstown last week but a revelation in this one, opened with his fourth single of the game. Troy, given a life when first baseman Ciarrocca dropped his foul fly, tripled to center to score Lahart. Ed McMahon flied to short center, but Bob Adeson singled Troy home. Creer walked, and things really were looking bright. But Peter Caden hit into a double play, Ayers to Carroll to Ciarrocca.

Lahart led the home hitters with four singles. He also excelled at shortstop by accepting 10 chances without a slip. The Yankees showed a marked edge in aggressiveness and speed. They left only three men on bases. Brass Rail had 10 dead soldiers.

The score:

Yankee Stars					Brass Rail				
ab	h	p	o	a	ab	h	p	o	a
J.O'Brien, 2	3	2	1	1	Lahart, s	5	4	6	4
Carroll, 2	2	0	1	1	Troy, 2	5	2	2	2
Ayers, s	5	2	3	3	Ed McMahon, 3	4	0	2	3
Yager, lf	5	1	0	1	Adeson, cf	3	2	0	0
Hill, 3	2	1	0	1	Creer, c	4	1	8	3
O'Donnell, 3	2	1	0	0	Caden, 1	4	1	6	0
Ciarrocca, 1	2	9	0	0	Red'ron, rf	2	0	0	0
G'berg, rf	3	2	1	0	Bannick, rf	2	0	2	1
Gall'her, c	3	1	1	0	Gwinnell, lf	5	1	1	0
EO'Brien, cf	2	0	1	0	WMcM'n, p	1	1	0	1
R'mano, cf	2	0	1	0	Goerlach, p	2	0	0	0
Wilbur, p	2	0	1	1	Pucko, p	1	0	0	0
Bar'mae, p	2	0	0	0					
C'strom, p	0	0	0	0					
	36	11	27	9		38	12	27	14

Yankee Stars ..... 140 002 110-9  
Brass Rail ..... 201 003 020-8

Runs, J. O'Brien, Ayers 2, Ciarrocca 2, Goldberg 3, Gallagher, Lahart 2, Troy 2, Adeson, Caden, Gwinnell, Goerlach. Runs batted in, J. O'Brien, Ayers 2, Yager, O'Donnell, Goldberg, Gallagher, Romano, Lahart, Troy, Adeson 2, Creer 2, Caden, Gwinnell, Errors, Ciarrocca 2, Troy 2, E. McMahon, Caden. Two-base hits, Goldberg 2, Caden, Gwinnell. Three-base hits, Ayers, Ciarrocca, Troy. Double plays, J. O'Brien, Ayers and Ciarrocca; E. McMahon, Creer and Lahart; Bannick and McMahon; Ayers, Carroll and Ciarrocca. Left on bases, Yankee Stars 3, Brass Rail 10. Base on balls, off Wilbur 1, Bartholomae 6, W. McMahon 1, Goerlach 2. Struck out, by Wilbur 3, Bartholomae 6, W. McMahon 4, Goerlach 3, Pucko 1, Carlstrom 1. Hits, off Wilbur, 7 in 4 innings; Bartholomae, 5 in 4; Carlstrom, 0 in 1; W. McMahon, 5 in 2; Goerlach, 6 in 5; Pucko, 0 in 2. Wild pitch, Goerlach. Passed ball, Creer. Winning pitcher, Wilbur. Losing pitcher, W. McMahon. Umpires, Witkowski and Luzis. Time, 2h, 32m.

## Free Movies For Boys

Free football movies will be shown by the Parks and Recreation Department in the WBRK auditorium tomorrow morning at 10.15 as a means of interesting boys in the Flea City Football League. All 12 years of age or under are invited. Johnny Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, said today.

# Aces To Open Season Sunday

9/8  
The Tyler Aces' football team will open its season by opposing the St. Stanislaus AA Sunday afternoon at 2.30 on Renfrew Field in Adams.

In announcing the booking today, Manager Joe Borletto said that St. Stanislaus has agreed to play a return contest at Wahconah Park Sunday, Oct. 10.

The Aces defeated St. Stanislaus 12-7 here early last November in the biggest surprise of the 1947 Berkshire semipro season.

The Aces have been practicing under the direction of Coach Lou Russo at Clapp Park for more than two weeks. Sunday they lost the services of one of their most able first-year men, Don Hayford, All-Berkshire guard a year ago at Pittsfield High. Engaging in a full-dress scrimmage, Hayford suffered an injury to his right leg, and seven stitches were required to close the wound. He will remain inactive for several weeks.

## Junior Tennis Finals Monday

9/4  
Robert England and Peter Rosenfeld will meet in the finals of the city junior championship tennis tournament Monday morning at 10 on the Girls' League court.

In the semifinals, England defeated William Nickerson 6-3, 6-4, and Rosenfeld won from Lewis Hebert, 6-2, 5-7, 11-9.

The event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Awards Voted For Junior Ball Teams

9/9  
Special awards for the Brass Rail championship and runner-up WBRK teams in the Junior City Baseball League were voted last night at a meeting of the city-wide junior baseball committee.

Brass Rail players will be given a banquet by the committee and Pat Cioffi, their sponsor, Wednesday night at 7 at the New Berkshire Restaurant.

The WBRK squad will have a free trip to Boston Sunday, Sept. 19, for the Boston Braves-Cincinnati Reds game.

## Robert England 9/13 Wins Tennis Title

Robert England won the first annual junior city championship singles tennis tournament by defeating Peter Rosenfeld on the Girls' League court yesterday. The scores were 6-3, 8-10 and 6-4.

Jane Whiting won the junior girls' singles, and teamed with her sister, Frances, to take the doubles crown.

All three will receive individual trophies from the city-wide tennis committee.

## Baton Twirling To Be Taught High School Girls

9/17  
A class in baton twirling will be conducted this fall for high school girls by the Parks and Recreation Department, it was announced today. The first meeting will be Tuesday afternoon at 3.15 at the UE-CIO Hall, 103 West Street.

Miss Marilyn L. Riche, a graduate of the Chalos School of Dancing of New York, will be the instructor. Girls will be taught how to participate in parades and special exhibitions, and lessons also will be provided in tumbling.

## Camp Fire Girls Plan Institute

9/13  
Mrs. Rex Wyman and Mrs. Arthur Owens have been named co-chairmen of the Camp Fire Girls fall institute for leaders to be held in Pittsfield Oct. 13 and 14. Jackson J. Perry of the city Department of Parks and Recreation will speak at the banquet. Group leaders from Western Massachusetts, Burlington, Montpelier and St. Albans, Vt., and Troy, N.Y., will attend panel discussions.

At the institute, plans will be made for the project for the year, which is "make mine democracy." The slogan will be "Be friendly, make friends, join the Camp Fire Girls."

Miss Harriet Dively, Camp Fire regional supervisor, and Mrs. Hall A. Siddal of the national Camp Fire staff in New York, have been in Pittsfield making preliminary plans.

## Halloween Celebration To Be Planned

9/14  
The fourth annual Halloween celebration will be cosponsored by The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department, it was announced today by Jackson J. Perry, supervisor of parks and recreation. The same two groups sponsored last year's event in which about 200 individual, and many other group, prizes were given.

About 40 civic and service groups have been invited to send representatives to the organization meeting next Tuesday night at 7.30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The representatives will select a general chairman and decide on the date of the celebration. Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, thus placing the celebration on the preceding Friday or Saturday.

Mr. Perry also is trying to persuade the schools to co-operate again as they did last year. Mr. Russell is discussing the matter with other school officials now.

## Electric Sparks

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The paid attendance of 2936 last night included 2636 adults and 300 children. The total draw for the three games in the series here was 8488. The players shared in the receipts of the first four tilts in the set but not in last night's gate. As the series wound up in an odd number of games, three being played here and two in Three Rivers, the two clubs divided the gate here last night evenly after deducting a certain sum for game expenses. The Three Rivers club received \$1403 as its share of the receipts in the three contests at Wahconah Park.

## Electrics Gain Place in Finals For Third Time

9/16  
This is the fifth season of active competition for the Pittsfield Electrics in the Canadian-American League and the third time that the club has reached the final play-offs. In 1941 Pittsfield defeated Amsterdam in the semifinals and lost to Oneonta in the finals. In 1946 Pittsfield eliminated Oneonta in the semifinals but bowed to Three Rivers in the finals.

The Electrics and Royals broke even in two games at Three Rivers in 1946 as they did last week but in 1946 the Royals swept all three contests here, whereas the Electrics took all three games at Wahconah Park this week.

Pittsfield finished in fifth place in 1942 and in 1947.





**NO FEE, MUCH FUN:** Miss Elizabeth Kreiger, Wahconah Playground leader, did a land-office business as a fortune teller at the second annual city-wide gypsy round-up yesterday afternoon at Springside Park, and the price was right for her youthful patrons. She didn't charge a cent. More than 1000 participated in the varied program, which included land and water games, singing, and refreshments. Contributions from local merchants provided every boy and girl with generous helpings of hot dogs, milk and ice cream. After the children's activities, playground staff personnel presented Miss Dorothy B. McGee, supervisor of women and girls' activities, with a leather traveling case. Her duties ended yesterday, and she left today to visit Canada prior to starting as Grade 5 teacher at Read School.

## Osceola Wins Playgrounds' Special Award

**Common Second,  
Clapp and Highland  
Tied for Third**

For the second successive year, Osceola has been declared the winner of the inter-playground special award, the Parks and Recreation Department announced today. In 1947, Osceola shared top honors with Clapp, but this summer it holds the place alone.

The award is based on programs, special events and physical appearance of grounds.

The Common was second, and Clapp and Highland tied for third. Pitt was fifth.

Osceola's unusual events were monthly birthday parties for children, a teen-age club, a grandfathers' club, and a circus. The Osceola bulletin board received numerous citations, and the grounds were improved by the building of rock gardens.

## Gypsy Roundup Tomorrow at Springside

The summer playgrounds' second annual gypsy roundup will be tomorrow afternoon at Springside Park. Programs are scheduled to start at 2.30, with continuous activity up to 8.30.

Planned are water games, a volleyball match between the Common and Wahconah, races, storytelling, singing games, magicians, tumbling acts, and horseshoes. John F. Ford and Miss Anna E. Walak, both of Coltsville Playground, Kirk Leslie of Francis Avenue Playground, John H. Goewey of Coolidge Playground, and Miss Marilyn Hughes, supervisor of music and dancing, will be in charge.

"Miss Gypsy" will arrive at 4.30, and immediately will set up a fortune-telling tent. A prize will be awarded to the child who correctly guesses her identity. A bean-guessing contest also will be held.

## Teen-age Circus Held at Osceola

More than \$50 was realized on a circus attended by 400 Monday night at Osceola Park. It was produced by members of the newly organized Teen-Age Club and was their first money-raising venture. Earl F. Appleton, club president, was chairman of the event, assisted by Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman, park director, and Norman Najimy, leader.

Among those who participated were Billy Ringie, Jackie Martin, Joseph Quetti, Judy Blair, Roberta Clark, Shirley Gray, Betty and Robert Clark, Charles Mendard, Peter Jones, Bernice and Carol Herrick, Mary Ringie, Peggy Duggan, Beverly Greenleaf, Helen Bartlett, Fred Derby Jr., Margaret Blair, Mary Lou Sherman and Ralph Appleton.

Lawrence Goyette loaned his pony for rides, and Mrs. Herbert Appleton donated a hand-crocheted dolly which was won by Mrs. William Dantuoro. Mary Ringie won a billfold on a bean-guessing game.

## Highland Show Attended by 153

One hundred fifty-three attended the Highland Playground talent show Wednesday night at the Holy Family Church hall. Mrs. Eugene Borden of the neighborhood council gave a report, and William J. Carrigan, park commissioner, spoke briefly on behalf of the playground. Mrs. Sterling Tiffany was master of ceremonies. Proceeds will be used to provide a shelter or field house at the playground next year.

Others who participated in the program are the Misses June Casali, Antoinette Lagrotteria, Jean Brown, Thelma Paris, Flora Casali, Eleanor Cornellier, Vera May Spaniol, and William Brazill, Bruce Symanowicz, Richard Henault, Harold Spaniol, Edward Tegenski, James Crennan, Joseph Robair and Gene Barnes.

## Talent Program Tomorrow Night

The Highland Playground children will present a talent program tomorrow night at 8 at the Holy Family Church hall.

William J. Carrigan, a member of the Park Commission, and Mrs. Eugene M. Borden will speak briefly before the start of the show. Mrs. Sterling E. Tiffany Sr., is in charge of arrangements.

The participants will be June Casali, Antoinette Lagrotteria, Jean Brown, Thelma Paris, William Brazill, Bruce Symanowicz, James Crennan, Flora Casali, Richard Henault, Elinor Carmelia, Donald Spaniol, David Dunn and Vera May Spaniol.

## Osceola Leaders Presented Purses

Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman and Norman A. Najimy, director and leader, respectively, at Osceola Playground, were given purses by the playground neighborhood council yesterday in recognition of their work.

The presentations were made at a party for the playground children. Ice cream and cookies were served, and games were played. Prizes were awarded in every age group.

Among those who consider the city too extravagant, suggestions for municipal cost cutting range from "eliminating unnecessary surveys and committee" to "less public works." On the other side of the fence, the relatively few voters who feel that the city's purse-strings are held too tightly want more money spent on roads, recreation facilities, water improvement, public housing and schools. People who own their own homes are more inclined to advocate less municipal spending than those who rent their homes, but even among the former a solid majority think that the city is not paying out too much.

## Square Dances To Be Held in State Armory

Public square dances throughout the fall and winter will be a weekly fixture in Pittsfield, if plans of the Parks and Recreation Department materialize.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, announced today that arrangements have been completed for the use of the State Armory for such events on four successive Saturday nights, starting Oct. 9. If they prove popular and self-sustaining, he said a city-wide committee, now being formed, hopes to push for the establishment of the dances as a Saturday night feature.

He explained that the popularity of the weekly square dances on the summer playgrounds led the group to consider holding the events indoors.

The emphasis will be placed on family group participation, he said, with square sets for both young and old.

## Playground Policy Will Be Discussed

Decision as to whether it should ask for spring and fall playgrounds in 1949 will be made by the central council of playground neighborhood councils at a meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 29, at 7.30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

That was voted last night after a long discussion in Chamber headquarters.

At the same time, the council also considered various items of the proposed 1949 playground

budget, with special emphasis on new equipment.



## Park Boxers Go Tonight 9/10 At Wahconah

### Local Youngsters To Meet Boys From Industrial School

The third and probably the last playground boxing show of the outdoor season will be presented at Wahconah Park tonight at 7.15 under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Department. Seven-man teams from the Pittsfield parks and the Berkshire Industrial School of Canaan, N.Y., will meet, and two all-local bouts will round out the program.

Contestants will range in weight from 80 to 150 pounds.

The boys who made the most favorable showings in the first two shows were selected by John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, as members of the Pittsfield team. The local youngsters will be the underdogs, because boxing long has been a big sport at the Berkshire Industrial School.

The complete card will be as follows: At 125 pounds, Ray Gregory of Springside vs Frank Litano of Clapp; 115 pounds, Sammy Adornetto of Deming vs Tito Arzuaga of Industrial; 127 pounds, Petr Marino of Coolidge vs Chet Kordana of Clapp; 80 pounds, Richard Silvano of Coolidge vs Charles Woodruff of Industrial; 115 pounds, Dick Gavin of Coolidge vs Harry Smith of Industrial; 125 pounds, Dom Discani of Coolidge vs Louis Allen of Industrial; 145 pounds, Joe Borden of Highland vs Sid Barnoston of Industrial; 126 pounds, John Huska of Highland vs Robert Carroll of Industrial; 150 pounds, German Zaccari of Coolidge vs James Hardy of Industrial.

Officials will be: Referee, Louis Gonzales; judges, Dave Shade, Donald Duquette and Frankie Martin; timers, Frank Blowe and Peter Cimini; announcer, John Goewey.

## Bernard Plouffe Named Head of 9/20 Halloween Event

Bernard O. Plouffe of 398 Newell Street has been appointed chairman of the fourth annual city-wide Halloween committee which will celebrate that holiday under the co-sponsorship of The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Plouffe will make arrangements for the parade and for the special parties and dances which will be part of the celebration. Jackson J. Perry, supervisor of Parks and Recreation, made the appointment.

One of the organizers of the Lakewood Civic Association, Mr. Plouffe is also president of the Hibbard Parent-Teacher Association. During World War II he served in the Navy. He is married and has two children.

## To Organize Girls' Basketball League 9/20

The first meeting of the Business Girls' Basketball League will be held Thursday evening at 7.30, in the Park and Recreation Offices, City Hall annex.

Six teams entered the league last year, and plans are being made to enlarge the league this season. All girls, who are out of school who are interested in the league, are asked to attend.

## Local Boxers Lose 4-3 to School Team

### Industrial Boys 9/11 Score Two Kayoes At Wahconah Park

By ROGER O'GARA

If volume of punishment administered counted in the final score, the ring-wise Berkshire Industrial School team of Canaan, N.Y., would have beaten the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department representatives by much more than 4-3 at Wahconah Park last night. Cold weather kept attendance at the third and probably the last outdoor show of the season down to approximately 400.

And the air wasn't the only thing cool. For two slugging visitors put the chill on well-built but comparatively green opponents. The two honest-to-goodness kayoes came late in the program. The second actually decided the entire match.

For even though Pittsfield on an over-all basis seemed to have far the worse of it, the contest was tied at three-all at the conclusion of the sixth bout. That put it squarely up to James Hardy, 149½, Berkshire Industrial Negro, and German Zaccari, 150, of Coolidge Playground.

Zaccari, like the presidential namesake of his park, didn't choose to run, and he walked right into trouble. After several flurries, Hardy, who was at least that, stiffened the Pittsfield boy with a straight right which didn't travel more than three inches. The end came after 50 seconds of the first round.

The other knockout was even more binding. After a furious exchange in the first round, Sid Barnoston, 145, of Berkshire Industrial, stopped Joe Borden, 145, of Highland Playground, at 1.23 of the second round. Stopped probably is understatement. It was Borden's fourth trip to the canvas, and Referee Louis Gonzales didn't even bother to start a count. He dragged Borden to the corner, and seconds worked over the boy for some minutes before he was revived.

### Club Will Be Formed

At the conclusion of the program, it was announced that the Parks and Recreation Department would sponsor the organization of a Pittsfield junior boxing team. Practice sessions will start in October. Interested boys should register at the department's office at 52 School Street.

Pittsfield men who appreciate Berkshire Industrial's ring background felt that the local group did well to stay so close on a point basis. Two of the Pittsfield wins were deserved. Pete Marino, 140, of Coolidge, certainly was entitled to the verdict over Pat Garrison, 140, of Berkshire Industrial, and John Huska, 126, of Highland, had a substantial advantage on Bob Carroll, 126, of Berkshire Industrial.

The other Pittsfield victory was a fluke. Pat Levardi, 113, of Coolidge, was awarded his fight with Tito Arzuaga, 114, of Berkshire Industrial, on a foul. Officials charged Arzuaga struck a low blow in the second round.

The other two Berkshire Industrial wins were on technical knockouts. Louis Allan, 124, won over Dominick Discani, 124, of Coolidge, in the second round, but this was a slugfest until Discani fell before Allan's sharper punching. Gonzales wisely stopped it. Chuck Woodward, 80, of Berkshire Industrial, defeated George Demary, 79, of Pitt, in the second round. Demary decided he had had enough.

John Massimiano was in charge of the program. Judges were Frankie Martin and Don Duquette; Francis Douglas and

## Pittsfield To Work Again With Indians

### Directors Accept 9/14 Offer To Stay In Cleveland Chain

The directors of the Pittsfield Professional Baseball Corporation, at a meeting last night in the office of Paul A. Tamburello, president, voted to accept the offer of the Cleveland club for a working agreement again in 1949. That will make the fourth year in which the Electrics have been in the Cleveland chain. They came within an eyelash of winning the pennant in 1946, finished in fifth place, one-half game out of the first division in 1947 and wound up in fourth place this season.

After transacting their business the directors remained in the office of President Tamburello and listened to Dan Healy's radio broadcast of that thrilling battle which the Royals took 1-0.

Nearly \$1000 has been raised in the drive for a fund to be divided among the Pittsfield players. Collections will be taken up at the play-offs here and the committee will continue to solicit funds from organizations and individuals. A very large crowd will be on hand at Wahconah Park tomorrow afternoon and many persons have bought tickets in advance so that they will not have to stand in line at the box office.

Tomorrow's game will start at 2. The contests Monday and Tuesday nights will begin at 7.30.

Manager Hasson and his players left for Pittsfield shortly after the game ended last night and they will have a chance to rest up before entering the third tilt of the best four-out-of-seven-game series.

The Electrics played fine ball in Three Rivers and much interest has been aroused in the battles to be played here.

## Park Board Seeks Tennis Court Costs 9/30

### Plan Conference When Can-Am Loop Schedule Is Drawn

Proposals for construction of new municipal tennis courts were given some official encouragement at the Park Department offices last night. The Park Commission voted to get cost estimates based on recent recommendations of the city-wide tennis committee.

The committee appeared before the commissioners last month to ask for the construction of four courts at Deming Field. The site was recommended by the committee after an extensive survey of possible locations throughout the city.

Last night's meeting of the Park Commission also voted to have representatives on hand when the Can-Am League baseball schedule for 1949 is drawn up. This step will be taken to avoid conflicts like the one last week when the High School had to switch a Friday night football date to Saturday because of the Can-Am League play-off schedule.

## Elinor Duggan Assumes Park, Recreation Post 9/15



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### Miss Elinor J. Duggan

Miss Elinor J. Duggan, recently appointed supervisor of women and girls' activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, assumed her new duties yesterday. She succeeds Miss Dorothy B. McGee, temporary supervisor for the past season, who has returned to her teaching duties at Read School.

Miss Duggan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Duggan of Watertown, N.Y., where she was employed for two years as assistant superintendent of the recreation department. She had charge of 11 playgrounds, two community centers, girls' athletic leagues, hiking clubs, teen-age centers and city-wide events.

The new supervisor attended the University of St. Lawrence for two years, and the University of Wisconsin for a specialized recreation course. In Pittsfield, Miss Duggan will handle the Springside House and community centers, as well as women and girls' activities. Tentative plans also have been made for a junior hiking club and a golden age club.

## Wahconah Park Question Kept 9/30 Alive by Board

The Wahconah Park question was kept alive by the Park Commission at its meeting last night. The board designated Chairman Monroe B. England and George D. Austin as a committee to confer with the Municipal Grandstand Commission relative to the future of the park's temporary rest rooms and entrance.

Speculation was rife several weeks ago following abandonment of the grandstand building project as to what would happen to the money which originally was appropriated for such construction. The idea was dropped, because the lowest bid for building was approximately three times greater than the appropriation. Thus far, no decision has been made as to its ultimate disposition.

The commission considered preliminary plans for its forthcoming project of black-topping the entrance to Wahconah Park. The board regards this as a must, because hundreds of car-owners use the park's expanded parking lot while they are attending athletic contests.



## Armory Dances To Start Oct. 9

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 9, the Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor round and square dancing at the State Armory on Summer Street. The dances will run every Saturday night from 8 to 11.30 with Orville (Pop) Smith and his Old Timers playing.

A resident of Winsted, Conn., Mr. Smith has been calling about 10 years, including the Pittsfield Berkshire County square dance jamboree for two years, and the Massachusetts square dance festival in the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Mr. Smith claims the distinction of being the only caller in the country who plays the bull fiddle while calling. His orchestra plays an average of five nights a week in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, in armories, hotels, house parties and hospitals at USO parties.

## Brass Rail Team Tendered Banquet

The championship Brass Rail baseball team that reached the semifinals of the All-American Amateur baseball tournament in Johnstown, Pa., three weeks ago, was entertained at a banquet last night in the Embassy Room of the Berkshire Restaurant. The banquet was given by Pat Cioffi, sponsor of the team, and the city-wide junior baseball committee.

Roger O'Gara, sports writer for The Eagle, and commentator for Station WBEC, was toastmaster. Speakers were Pat Cioffi, William A. Knoblock, who is chairman of the city-wide junior baseball committee, Edward Toole of Lee, and Ray Goodrich, coach of the Brass Rail team.

Miniature gold baseballs were given to the players, and they in turn presented Mr. Cioffi and Mr. Goodrich with neckties and engraved cigarette lighters.

## Business Girls Organize Basketball Loop

A committee to draw up a constitution for the business girls' basketball league will be appointed next Thursday night at 7.30 when league representatives meet to plan for next season. About eight teams are expected to have representatives at the session in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Last night in the park offices the girls were told they will be able to use the YMCA one night a week for their league, and most of the games will be played there, Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities said. The girls were addressed by Edward P. Deame, in regard to the current YMCA membership drive.

It was decided to follow National AAU rules this year in league play, instead of the usual two-court rules followed locally last year. The change is because of the difficulty the local Professional Drug girls' team ran into when it participated in the national tournament at St. Joseph's, Mo., where national rules were used.

## Camp Fire 7 Plans Course In Leadership

National Staff  
Will Direct

Sessions Next Week

About 75 women from Pittsfield and vicinity are expected to attend a Camp Fire Girls fall institute for training in leadership Wednesday and Thursday at the YMCA. Mrs. Arthur L. Owens, chairman of the local leaders' association, and Mrs. Rex W. Wyman are in charge of arrangements.

The one and one-half day course, directed by national Camp Fire staff, is to supplement local training for leaders in program and leadership. Miss Harriet Dively, regional field adviser for this area, will conduct the institute, assisted by Mrs. Hall A. Siddall, assistant regional field adviser.

Miss Dively and Mrs. Siddall will arrive in Pittsfield Monday. A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Miss Dively is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and did graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle. Long associated with the youth agency, she has held executive positions in 28 of the 48 states.

Mrs. Siddall, a native of Sparta, Wis., is a Northwestern University graduate. In 1937, she went to the Philippines, where she taught at the Brent School in Baguio three years. Since her return, she has been associated with the National Staff of Camp Fire Girls.

Jackson J. Perry, Pittsfield Park Department superintendent, will speak on "Girls as Citizens Today," at a dinner Wednesday evening at 6 at the White Tree Inn. A program of folk dancing, games and singing will follow. The program will be conducted by Perry S. S. Jackson, local Boy Scout executive; Miss Marion B. Ochampaugh, local Girl Scout executive; Miss Betty E. Kingsley, Girls' League director; and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, Park Department supervisor of girls and women's activities.

Mrs. John C. Russ will be moderator for a panel discussion, "Youth and Adults Together," at a luncheon meeting Thursday afternoon at 12.30 at the YMCA. Miss Barbara Hyde and Miss Marylou Sherman of the West Pittsfield Horizon Club will participate together with national staff members.

Mrs. Wyman is chairman of a committee in charge of housing and meals. She will be assisted by Mrs. Theodore W. Hall, Mrs. Camille A. Dietlin Jr., Mrs. Walter L. Goerlach, Mrs. Mahlon L. Henderson, Mrs. Charles A. Winter and Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman.

## Touch Football League for Boys Planned

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that plans are being made to form a Flea City Touch Football League. The first organizational meeting will be held at WBRK auditorium Tuesday at 10 AM where the picture, "Iron Major," will be shown. All boys 12 years of age and under are eligible to join or enter a team in the league.

John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, announced that plans are also being made where football movies will be shown every week to the members of the league.

Several members of the Tyler Aces semipro football team have consented or expressed their desire to coach Flea League teams, so any boy who wishes to enter a team in the league and who is in need of a coach should contact Mr. Massimiano at the department offices, 52 School Street.

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## Pittsfield-Tech High Game Headed for Deming Saturday

Pittsfield High's scheduled home football season opener with Springfield Technical High this noon seemed headed for Deming Field Saturday afternoon, instead of Wahconah Park Friday night, as originally listed.

Overlapping of the Canadian-American Baseball League final play-off series between the Pittsfield Electrics and the Oneonta Red Sox was given by the Parks and Recreation Department officials as the reason for the changes in site and time of the football game. The announcement was made late this morning following a telephonic conference between Monroe B. England, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Department, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, Atty. Paul A. Tamburello, president of the Pittsfield baseball team, and Arthur S. Fox, Pittsfield High coach.

### Series Sweep Held Unlikely

The only thing which could save the football contest for Friday night at Wahconah Park, Mr. Perry said, would be for Pittsfield or Oneonta to sweep the baseball series. In that event, he explained, a department maintenance force would work through Thursday night to convert Wahconah Park to a football surface for Friday evening.

However, such a quick ending to the best of seven series is regarded as extremely unlikely. Mr. Perry pointed out that such consideration doesn't include the possibility of a postponement of one game by weather interference between now and Thursday. The series is scheduled to start tonight in Oneonta. The second game also is slated for that city tomorrow evening. Then, barring postponement of either contest, the teams will return to Pittsfield for the third and fourth games of the set Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

If neither team makes a sweep, the teams will go back to Oneonta for the fifth contest Friday, and a sixth, if necessary, will be played in Pittsfield Saturday.

Mr. Perry said that it will require a crew of 24 men between 18 and 20 hours to knock down the baseball seating facilities and set up the field for football. He added that it would be a "physical

impossibility" to knock down the bleachers Thursday night, set them up for football Friday, and reconvert for baseball Saturday.

Mr. Perry disclosed that as soon as he, Mr. England and William Fitzgerald, park foreman, came to the conclusion that they could do nothing but ask Pittsfield High to move its game, he immediately tackled the problem of bleachers for Deming. At noon, he still was trying.

He said the city has only 1200 bleachers available for removal to Deming, because obviously the Wahconah Park stands couldn't be used under such circumstances. Since the Pittsfield-Tech contest reasonably could be expected to draw 3000, even on a Saturday afternoon, he is attempting to arrange for the loan of bleachers accommodating at least 2000.

The conflict is regarded as a serious blow to Pittsfield High athletic finances, because a Friday night meeting of Pittsfield and Tech well might attract 5000.

The Tech game was one of two night home contests scheduled for Pittsfield this season. The other will be with Drury High of North Adams Friday evening, Oct. 15.

## Greylock Ski Club Would Sponsor Title Meets Again

Officers of the Mount Greylock Ski Club will ask the Eastern Amateur Ski Association's sanction to hold the Berkshire interscholastic ski meet and the Massachusetts state downhill competition here again this year. The decision to ask was made at the first meeting of the season last night in the YMCA with about 100 people present.

The association will meet late next month, and if it authorizes the meet, will also set the dates. The local club also plans to hold the interscholastic meet for all Massachusetts in conjunction with the annual winter carnival.

The members were told that the ski tow on the club's property at Goodell Hollow, South Williamstown, has been lengthened 600 feet to make it 1400 feet in all. The club also will build a new cabin there.

## Hibbard PTA Plans Card Party

The Hibbard School PTA will have its regular meetings the third Wednesday of each month, it was decided at last night's first fall meeting at the school. Forty-five attended.

A card party is planned for Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, at the school auditorium.

Following the business meeting, a film "Playtown U.S.A." was shown, depicting recreation the year around, and the acquisition of a playground, a subject of special interest to the residents of the Hibbard School area. Refreshments were served.

## Park Heads Vote Care of Sick Elms

NORTHAMPTON—Sanitation of the diseased trees rather than cutting of elms afflicted with the Dutch disease was voted Tuesday by the New England park executives, meeting at Look Park here. Approximately 40 agreed that such a policy, although costly, would be less expensive than the removal of the trees.

Representatives from New Haven, Conn., reported that new elms are being planted in that city, where many of the old elms have become diseased.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation in Pittsfield, attended the meeting.

## Girls' League To Have Eight Or More Teams

The first meeting of the Business Girls' Basketball League will be tomorrow evening at 7.30 in the Park and Recreation offices, 52 School Street. Six teams entered the league last year, and at least eight teams are expected to compete this year.

Plans will be considered to send the New England champions to the National AAU tourney again. Last season the Professional Drug girls made the trip to St. Joseph's, Mo. A committee will be appointed to draw up the 1948-49 constitution for the league. Girls interested in playing basketball and who are not attending school, are urged to attend the meeting tomorrow night.

This season the league will be playing AAU rules, same as those used in the national tournament.





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**SWING YOUR PARTNER ROUND AND ROUND:** More than 400 dancers from 12 through 54 years of age took part last Saturday night in the first of 20 Saturday night square dance jamborees in the State Armory on Summer Street. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Orville (Pop) Smith and his Old-Timers from Winsted, Conn., played square and round dances and polkas. At one time 32 sets were swinging away and in another case about 125 couples were enjoying the round dances. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of this city, won the prize for the oldest (54 years) couple present. Other prizes which were to be given for costumes will be awarded Oct. 30 at a costume dance, because no one showed up in costume. This Saturday night the married couples group of the Methodist Church will be invited as guests. Other married groups will be invited at following dances. A 7.30 to 7.45 PM radio review will be conducted every Saturday over Station WBRK. A special handstand was used and colored lights were turned on for the round dances.

## School Board Delays Action On Wahconah Park Contract

### Controversial Agreement Is Referred To Executive Committee After Debate Between England and Committee

In a meeting at City Hall last night the School Committee voted to send back to its executive committee for further study a contract offered by the Park Department for use of Wahconah Park by high school athletic teams during 1949.

The decision to postpone action on the controversial document came after a half-hour debate in which the committeemen told Monroe B. England, who testified for the Park Commission, that the contract was unacceptable to the committee in its present form and said that they have instructed Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Russell not to sign it.

The contract was drawn up earlier this month by City Solicitor Francis J. Quirico at the request of the Park Commission and is designed to prevent conflicts of the sort which occurred last month when the High School's opening football date coincided with the Can-Am League play-off schedule at Wahconah Park. It specifies days on which the School Department may use the park and authorizes the Park Commission to assign alternative dates in case of conflicts.

Debate on the contract was punctuated with charges by the committee that the Park Commission has failed to co-operate with the School Department in its handling of Wahconah Park schedules.

It ended on a strained note as Mr. England told the committeemen that they would be "treading on dangerous ground" if their executive committee decides not to sign the contract. He declined to speculate on what action the Park Commission would take in that event.

Earlier in the debate Superintendent Russell charged that the proposed contract would "put the schools in the position of playing second fiddle at Wahconah Park." He said that "high school football is entitled to priority" and stated that last month's conflict with the Electric's schedule "has nearly ruined our athletic budget for the year."

Mr. England repeatedly insisted that the Park Department must have an agreement in writing with the School Committee in order to plan its program for next year. He acknowledged that school athletic events rated priority over professional baseball but said that unless the Electric's needs were given adequate consideration the club would be in danger of losing its Can-Am League franchise.

The session ended in a complete deadlock, with no apparent area of agreement between Mr. England and the committee. The motion to turn the contract over to the executive committee was made by Cyril H. Hannon and was passed unanimously.

## Turkey Day Game To Be Discussed At Luncheon 10/15

Preliminary plans for the second annual Thanksgiving Day war memorial coliseum benefit football contest will be made at a luncheon meeting at the White Tree Inn Tuesday afternoon at 12.15.

Jackson J. Perry, supervisor of parks and recreation, called the session. Invitations were extended to members of last year's committee, which included representatives of several recreational organizations, interested citizens and press and radio sports department personnel.

## Bobby Kidney Fund Gets First Gift

The campaign to purchase a television set for nine-year-old Bobby Kidney of 136 Madison Avenue, who is undergoing his third year of treatment for polio, got under way last night with the first contribution. State Senator Michael T. Condon led off the drive by donating \$5.

A special committee of the Central Council of Neighborhood Playground Councils, headed by Robert G. Stafford of 100 Madison Avenue, is to price the sets in local stores before meeting again Monday night.

## Flea Football

Four teams have entered the Flea City Touch Football League. The season will open on the Common Saturday morning at 9.30.

Entries to date are the Common Aces, the Tyler Juniors, the Root Aces and the Fenn Flashes.

Two more clubs will be accepted. Interested managers should apply at the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Dance Jamboree Goes On Tonight At Armory

The regular Saturday night square dance jamboree is scheduled for the State Armory tonight under the auspices of the city-wide committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Pop Smith and his Old Timers from Connecticut will be on hand to provide the music and handle the square dance calls. Last Saturday night a total of 440 teen-agers, young married couples and others were on hand.

The jamboree will get under way at 8 with round and square dancing from then until 11.45. Plans call for these dances to be held for at least 18 more Saturday nights.

It was decided that the profits from the dances will be put in a building fund to build an outdoor floor for summer dances. Once a floor has been constructed or a hard surface area provided many activities in both round and square dances will be possible during June, July and August.

The invitation to the Young Married Couples Group of the Methodist Church has been extended until next Saturday night. They will be the guests of the committee at next Saturday night's dance. This is the first of many young married groups who will be invited different Saturday's as guests of the committee. Any group desiring to be invited should contact the office of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Trio Going to Nebraska

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, will attend the National Recreation Congress in Omaha, Neb., next week. Accompanying him will be John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, and William L. Stuart, supervisor of aquatics. Sessions will start Sunday, and continue through Thursday.

The three men will leave the city Wednesday evening by automobile.

## Springside House 10/21 Being Redecorated

Springside House is being redecorated completely in preparation for fall and winter activities, the Parks and Recreation Department has announced. The first Junior Country Club dance there will be Monday, Nov. 29.



# Bobby Kidney To Be Given Television Set

## Playground Council To Raise Funds To Purchase Gift

Nine-year-old Bobby Kidney of 136 Madison Avenue, who has fought a three-year battle against polio, is going to have a television set to help along his convalescence.

Last night in a meeting at City Hall, the Central Council of Neighborhood Playground Councils voted to purchase the set for Bobby and named Robert G. Stafford of 100 Madison Avenue chairman of a special committee to raise the money.

According to plans drawn up last night, the committee will be assisted by two representatives from each neighborhood playground council, who in turn will enlist the help of children throughout the city. The main committee, which will meet at the Athenaeum Friday night, plans to purchase the set as soon as possible and raise the money over a two-month period.

Bobby Kidney became a victim of polio three years ago last August in one of the severest cases ever recorded in Berkshire County. He was kept in an iron lung for nearly a year and subsequently received treatment at the Lakeville Sanitarium on Cape Cod. Two months ago, he saw his first parade since 1945 when Superintendent of Parks Jackson J. Perry took him to the Park Department's annual Mardi gras festivities as a guest of honor.

## Four To Participate In Round-Table Event

Four people will take part in tomorrow's round-table discussion dealing with the survey held here on leisure-time programs for girls and women, it was announced today by the Pittsfield Junior League meeting tomorrow night at Mrs. Elmer A. Euston's home. Participants are Mrs. John C. Russ, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Elliott M. Preble, YMCA general secretary; and Joseph T. Alves, assistant secretary of the Council of Social Agencies.

## Speed Skaters

### Meet Tomorrow

The Pittsfield Park Speed Skating Club will plan a membership drive at its meeting tomorrow evening at 7 in the Parks and Recreation Department office, 52 School Street. Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to attend.

The club particularly needs men and women senior skaters more than 18 years old and intermediate girls from 16 to 18 years of age.

## Balance Rock Hike

The Parks and Recreation Department's junior hiking club will go to Balance Rock tomorrow. The start will be from Clapp Park at 10.30. This will be the fourth in the series of hikes.

## To Flea Leaguers, Bruce Smith Is Now an Ex-Hero

There probably were some red faces in the Parks and Recreation Department office last night.

The department yesterday morning sponsored a football movie show in the WBRK auditorium, and 50 members of the Flea City Touch Football League attended. The picture was "Bruce Smith of Minnesota."

Later in the day, the Green Bay Packers of the National Professional Football League announced that they were asking waivers on Bruce Smith, ex-Minnesota star.

## Business Girls Make Plans for Hoop League

Final pre-season plans for the Business Girls' Basketball League will be made tomorrow night at 7 at a meeting in the Parks and Recreation Department office. The league will be sponsored jointly by the Parks and Recreation Department and the YMCA.

A constitution will be submitted for ratification, and details of the New England and national tournaments will be discussed.

Douglas P. Boyea, athletic director of the Y, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of women's and girls' activities for the Park Department, will direct the league.

## Chest Leaders Meet This Week With Workers

Community Chest division and section heads will meet with their assistants in several pre-campaign planning sessions this week. Jackson J. Perry will lead off with his men's section conference tomorrow at 6.15 at the YMCA.

Mrs. Gregory G. Anderson will confer with her women's group at the Women's Club at 8 tomorrow night. Thursday at the Boys' Club at 6.15 Fred S. Fahey will meet his people while J. Robert Busch has called a similar session for his assistants at the FMTA at the same time.

Mrs. George P. Hunt Jr. will hold a Women's Club meeting with her workers at 3.30 Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Edwin W. Holden Jr. will meet with the workers in her section at the Girls' League Friday evening at 8.

The chest campaign gets under way next Tuesday.

## Two New Playgrounds Proposed for City

Addition of two playgrounds to the city's park system was urged by the Central Council of the Neighborhood Playgrounds Councils at a meeting in City Hall last night.

The group recommended that new playgrounds be located at Hibbard School and Wilson Park. This would bring the total number of city playgrounds to 15.

The Central Council also recommended that the city spend approximately \$19,000 on its playgrounds during 1949. This amount is \$4000 in excess of the Park Department's playground budget for the current year.

## Trophies Ready

Members of Sweeney's Midget City Baseball League championship team were asked today by John Massimiano, director of athletics, to call for their individual trophies at the Parks and Recreation Department office.

## Town Players Name Heads Of Committees

Heads of committees for the coming season were named at a meeting of the Pittsfield Town Players Wednesday night.

The following were appointed: Mrs. Carl H. Wilde, publicity coordinator; Mrs. Walter W. Sisson Jr., ticket sales co-ordinator; Mrs. Eva Jones, wardrobe mistress; Miss Ann Rosenthal, librarian; Mrs. L. Vernon Larson, membership committee.

For the Players' first production of the season, "Ten Little Indians," the Agatha Christie murder mystery, Mr. Sisson was named stage manager and William H. Roberts, production manager. The play is to be given at the Berkshire Museum Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

A skit was presented at the meeting under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Lamar Kelly. A take-off on give-away radio programs, the skit involved Mrs. Granville S. Pruyne, Mrs. Ernest J. Brundage, Dr. Russell T. Shay, Mrs. Larson, Frank Wiener, Miss Rosenthal, Keith Pierce and John Rattay.

## Armory Dances Open Tonight

### Program Preview To Be Given Over WBRK at 7.30

A preview of tonight's square dance jamboree at the State Armory on Summer Street will be given from 7.30 to 7.45 over Station WBRK, when Orville (Pop) Smith and his Old-Timers from Connecticut give out with some hoe-down music.

Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the square dance will be the first in a series of 20 on Saturday night running from 8 to 11.30 PM; Round dances such as waltzes, fox trots and polkas will be rotated with the square dance sets.

Special features tonight will be prizes for the teen-age boy and girl, and man and woman with the best costumes, and also to the oldest couple present. The department especially hopes to attract family groups, especially young married people wishing to mix with others. A crowd of 300 is needed to make the affair a success, it is estimated, and any profits will go into a fund for improvement of future dances.

A food concession and suggestion box will be available. No pass-outs will be given, and anyone leaving during the evening must buy another ticket to return.

## School Contest Is Set Back to Monday Night

Postponement of the Drury High-St. Joseph's High football game, slated for last night at Wahconah Park, means that the North Adams school's defending Berkshire County champions will play twice in Pittsfield next week within five nights. The contest was re-scheduled for Monday evening at 7.30.

Drury and Pittsfield will meet at Wahconah Park Friday night at 7.30.

St. Joseph's officials made the postponement announcement early yesterday afternoon after several hours of rain.

## Park Executives Of New England To Meet Here

The New England Park Executives Association will hold its next quarterly meeting in Pittsfield, during winter carnival week end, it was announced by the Parks and Recreation Department. The fourth annual winter carnival will be Jan. 31 through Feb. 8.

The decision to meet here for the second time in 19 months was made at the regular meeting in conjunction with the fifth annual conference of the American Park Executives Institute in Boston the last five days. Jackson J. Perry, supervisor of the Parks and Recreation Department, and William F. Fitzgerald attended the meeting.

The association also discussed the consolidation of parks and recreation services, with the observation that facilities and activities must be planned ahead. About 400 delegates from the United States, Canada and Peru were on hand for the conference. Demonstrations of equipment and a tour of the Boston recreation areas were part of the program.

## Goguen Expected To Join Local Skating Club

The Pittsfield Parks Skating Club probably will have Alex I. Goguen on its team for the first meet in Malone, N. Y., Dec. 19. Mr. Goguen, 1946 Berkshire Hills titleholder and a national five-mile champion, will arrive in Pittsfield early in December, after working out for the next six weeks in indoor rinks.

The past few years Mr. Goguen considered settling in Pittsfield, and in Boston last Tuesday, after a conference with Jackson J. Perry supervisor of Parks and Recreation Department, he definitely decided to come to the Berkshires. Alfred J. Pasiliere, who coached last year's championship club, will be in charge again this year. He has started the members training with conditioning exercises for the skating season.

## Four Teams Signed For Girls' Basketball

Four teams have signed up for the Business Girls' Basketball League which will begin the first week of November, and about two more are expected to submit rosters next week. At a meeting last night the following teams were represented by their managers: Professional Drug Girls, Francis J. Reddy and Thomas J. Kirby; Star Shooters, Helen L. Gorman; Eaton's, Cecilia Setton; and the Unknowns, Gloria G. DiPietro. A committee was appointed to draw up the 1948-49 constitution and plans for the opening next month were made. The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the league.

## Junior Hikers To Elect Officers

Officers will be elected at the second weekly outing of the junior hiking club tomorrow morning at 10.30 at Clapp Park. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the children will hike to Bousquet's ski trail. All are asked to bring lunches. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, will be in charge.



# 60 Volunteers Needed Before Halloween

## Plans Shaping For Community Celebration Nov. 1

Sixty more volunteers are needed to make the fourth annual city-wide Halloween celebration on Nov. 1, a success. At last night's steering committee meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, 129 volunteers from 15 organizations were listed.



Bernard O. Plouffe

For the second year, the affair will be co-sponsored by The Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Bernard O. Plouffe, general chairman, appointed William A. Knoblock grand marshal of the parade which will form at 7.15 on Nov. 1. The assistant marshals will be named later. Letters informing volunteers of their duties will be mailed next week, and organizations are urged to submit names of their volunteers soon.

Ira T. May, president of the Lions Club, will be chairman of the float committee, aided by members of the Lions Club. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be given to the three best school floats, and similar prizes for the schools with the best turn-out in comparison to total registration. Hibbard and Dawes Schools have already said they will take part. The prizes will go for school use. Bulletins with further information will be distributed to the schools, churches and private agencies Monday.

Harry W. Vincent will see Mayor Capeless about a proclamation for the affair. Mrs. Stanley H. Norton said the Junior League has almost completed plans for entertaining children in hospital wards and other places where they are convalescing.

A new feature this year will be a football game at Wahconah Park starting at 8.55 after completion of the parade. The committee in charge is Mr. Knoblock, Fred S. Fahey, and John A. Massimiano.

At 5.30 that day the Boys' Club and Girls' League will have parties in their buildings for the grammar school boys and girls respectively, with movies and judging of costumes scheduled. Four bands will be available for the parade. Three from the musicians' union, with President Lawrence J. Murphy in charge, will be aided by at least one school band.

Besides the organizations mentioned above, the following will take part:

Kiwanis, Daughters of Isabella, Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, Pittsfield League of Voters, Heart of the Berkshire Grange, Pittsfield Permanent Firemen's Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Region, Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, etc.

## Undeveloped Park Land

Doubtless there are many in the neighborhood besides Mrs. Abrams who deplore that the beautiful acreage of Springside Park, especially that part of it fronting upper North Street, lies undeveloped and unsupervised, thus tending to attract the city's alcoholic derelicts. But merely because the city is not yet large enough to develop Springside as an integrated whole and provide the necessary maintenance and supervision does not mean that the Park Department should depart from a policy of making additional acquisitions elsewhere which seem wise.

This was not Mrs. Abrams' argument in her letter on this page in yesterday's edition. But there are those who may seek to subvert her well reasoned complaint. They will be numbered among those who believe that no new park land should be acquired until all present holdings are fully developed.

No city will build up an adequate park system by thinking ahead only on a year-to-year basis. It must plan ahead 10, 20 or 30 years, and acquire the land now. Some day, we have no doubt, a well integrated and landscaped Springside not only will be of great use but a source of great pride to all Pittsfield citizens. But if the city had to wait for acquisition of an area the size of Springside Park in such a comparatively central location until the time it could afford to develop and maintain it, such a desirable tract would probably never come into public ownership. Part of it would have been built on. With the growth of the city, the rest would have so increased in value that it would be almost impossible, without a large capital outlay, for the land to be used for park purposes.

There is a tendency to criticize the Park Department whenever it tries to look ahead, principally on the grounds that it already has land which is undeveloped. Such a criticism is shortsighted. Good park land generally is acquired only by coming by it cheaply in anticipation of growth. Park land acquired when there is a present urgent need comes at a dear price, or if bought cheaply, will prove to merit its price by not being much good for anything.

## It Takes Money

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Keeping drunks out of such places as Springside Park would require at least two steady park police or two full-time regular policemen, patrolling on foot, eight hours a day, seven days a week. But although people complain that the parks should be cleaned up, they also complain if the Park Department asks for more money to eradicate this nuisance. They would also complain if the chief of police should ask for extra money to maintain such a patrol.

A policeman or a park policeman who would patrol these extensive areas on horseback seems the most logical solution. If people would be willing to fight for the money to pay for such policing, both Jackson J. Perry and Chief Thomas H. Calnan, would see to it that drunks were kept out of our parks.

EARL A. JONES.

193 Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield.

# Park Commission Declines To Guarantee Dates for PHS

## Wahconah Park Will Be Reserved For Possible Electrics Games Up to Sept. 30, Board Decides

At a special meeting in City Hall Annex last night the Park Commission voted to serve notice on the School Department that any football dates scheduled for Wahconah Park next year before Sept. 30 will be agreed to "only with the understanding that cancellation or transfer may be necessary."

The commission stated that it was taking this step because "the Electrics are a community project designed for the benefit of the people of Pittsfield" and because the possibility of Can-Am League play-off games here requires that the park be kept available for the Electrics the two weeks following Labor Day.

At the same time, the commission voted to modify the terms of its proposed contract with the School Department for the remaining weeks of the 1948 season. It voted to delete from the contract provisions which would allow the Park Commission to cancel or transfer high school football dates at Wahconah on 10 days' written notice.

### Objection Eliminated

This modification of the commission's terms eliminated a major objection voiced by School Committee members when the original contract was submitted to the committee at its meeting last week. The Park Commission's compromise followed an informal meeting at City Hall yesterday of Mayor Capeless, Mr. England, and Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Russell.

In another conciliatory gesture toward the School Committee, the Park Commission last night voted not to charge the School Department for use of Wahconah Park and Deming Field by school football teams this fall. This step was taken because of the financial loss sustained by the High School Athletic Association when a football date conflicted with the Electrics' play-off schedule on Sept. 24. The Park Department waiver of rental charges will save the School Department \$400, as compared with \$2500 which the department maintains it lost because of the conflict.

To supplement its decisions last night, the Park Commission voted to ask Chairman James E. Curtin of the School Committee to name a subcommittee to meet periodically with Park Department representatives in order to co-ordinate the plans and programs of the two groups.

## Bobby Kidney Gets Television Starting Tonight

Nine-year-old Bobby Kidney, who has fought a three-year battle against one of the worst cases of polio ever recorded in Berkshire County, will be presented a television set tonight to help speed his convalescence.

A special committee of the Central Council of Neighborhood Playground Councils announced last night that the set has already been purchased from England Brothers and will be turned over to Bobby tonight at his home at 136 Madison Avenue. The committee is under the chairmanship of Robert K. Stafford and was set up at a meeting of the Central Council last week.

The committee also announced last night that Oct. 30 has been designated as Bobby Kidney day throughout the city. Representatives from each neighborhood playground council will enlist the help of children on that date to conduct a house-to-house fundraising canvass to cover the cost of the television set.

Bobby Kidney was stricken with polio in August, 1945, and was kept in an iron lung here during the first year of his illness. His convalescence is the subject of a feature article in the current issue of National Foundation News, official publication of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

### 10 Years Ago

Judge Carlton T. Phelps, 71, for 41 years a judge in North Adams, announces that he will resign as soon as a successor can be appointed.

At an enthusiastic meeting of 32 persons representing 24 organizations who discuss the city's lack of playground facilities, it's announced that the recent National Recreation Association survey here showed that Pittsfield needs 14 instead of 5 playgrounds and that play space should be increased from the present 9 acres to 50.

Yesterday's rainfall of .70 inches was the first recorded in Pittsfield in 23 days. The Greylock Mountain Reservation has been reopened to the public as a result.

## Halloween Bulletin Given School Pupils

Local school children have been given details about the fourth annual Halloween celebration, Monday, Nov. 1, in an orange-colored four-page bulletin sent to public and parochial schools this week. The bulletin is decorated with witches, pumpkins and fence posts.

Also included is information on the four parties and dances to be given that afternoon and night, along with the jack-o'-lantern contest and hospital parties. The line of march and marching order, as well as complete details about how the contestants will be handled, will be printed a few days before the event.

## Young People Plan Square Dance

St. Stephen's Young People's Fellowship will have a public square dance Nov. 5 from 8 to 11.30 PM in the parish ballroom.

Miss Marcia A. Patterson, chairman, will be assisted by the following committees: Miss Carolyn F. Wagner, music; Miss Barbara A. Dube, refreshments; Douglas Green, hall; Miss Gladys Lewis, tickets; Miss Janet L. Morris and Fred Chester, checking; and Miss Jean E. MacInnes, publicity.



## Square Dance Time 'Til May

Pittsfield City-Sponsored Parties Hear Pop Smith's 'Let 'er Flicker'

Pittsfield, Oct. 18—Its square dance time in Pittsfield. Dig for the oysters and dig for the clams. Do se do and away we go or, as Pop Smith says "Let 'er flicker." The scene is the State Armory in Summer St. The time; every Saturday night from now until May. The sponsors, the city-wide committee on square dancing in the park and recreation department.

### Three Years Ago

Three years ago the top 4-H Club instituted the first annual square dance jamboree. It was held in the Armory and 1500 from all over the country came to watch or to dance. Dancing "sets" from the various towns vied for prizes. From this beginning the Quadrille Club was formed and they have gone on to win honors in many parts of the East and have completed nationally. In the high school the do se do group hold square dances.

Suddenly it was discovered that here was an activity that was made to order for the out-of-school group in the city for whom there was little recreational possibilities. To make the most of these possibilities the park and recreation department formed a city-wide committee to see what could be done to further the interest of the group who had shown such an interest in the new movement.

### Armory Use Granted

The armory was the logical place to hold the dances and the adjutant general's department of the state was extremely co-operative. Armories are not easily obtained in these days of unrest. But the Pittsfield armory was given to the group. Next the music

had to be considered and as everyone had remembered Pop Smith and his band from Winsted so favorably he was invited to come over.

Pop Smith is a "singing caller." Unless he has his bull fiddle in his hand he can't sing a note. But once under way Pop is good for all night and he knows all the old ones as well as the new calls. Instead of the old one a two a three a, Pop says "Let 'er flicker."

The city committee in setting up the square dance, was mindful of the fine efforts of the oasis, at the YMCA where teen agers up to two years out of high school can gather on Saturday night to dance the modern dances and the polka. They knew of the efforts of the Junior Country Club and the Girls' League who cater to the junior high school group. They wanted to supplement the work of these groups to give the city a rounded program of Saturday night entertainment that offset the trips over the mountain to Lebanon and other New York towns where the liquor laws are either not so stringent or not enforced. They also wanted a place for the young married couple whose budget could not stand the strain of the dine and dance spots but who had no other place to go.

How well they have succeeded can be seen any Saturday night at the Pittsfield Armory. Before the season is over it is expected that a thousand persons will gather there each week to dance or just sit around and listen to Pop Smith as he gathers up the eyes of this aggregation and says "Let 'er flicker."

## Better Lighting on Common Recommended by Committee

Clifford F. Reynolds, Ward 3 councilman, won the first round of his three-year fight for better lighting on the Common as the Council's Committee on Public Safety last night recommended that the lamps now in use be stepped up from 600 to 1000 lumens.

Mr. Reynolds, who has seen this motion die in committee several times, commented this morning: "When women get chased through the Common in the future, they'll at least be able to see who's doing the chasing." He added that he has received "at least one call a week" on the subject since he became a member of the Council.

About a dozen lights on the

Common will be boosted in power if the Council approves the recommendation of its committee. As a supplementary step, the Police Department will have a patrolman on duty at the park every night.

Last night's session of the Committee on Public Safety also voted to recommend city acceptance of Sampson's Parkway and Honosada Terrace and granted petitions for snow and ice removal on the following streets: Green Street, Adelaide Avenue, Indian Street, Sapiet Street, Woodleigh Avenue, Newton Avenue, and Lark Street. On grounds of inaccessibility it rejected petitions for clearing Gale Avenue, Guilds Street, Harwich Street, and Students' Lane.

## Methodist Group To Be Dance Guests

The Methodist Young Married Couples group will be guests at tonight's regular square dance jamboree in the State Armory on Summer Street, from 8 to 11.30. Orville (Pop) Smith, who does the calling, will lead the head couple through each square before the main session gets under way, so that beginners will be able to follow more easily. In the first two dances, a total of 800 participated.

## City To Bid For Major Races In Speed Skating

Pittsfield will put in a bid for the 1951 North American speed skating races, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation said today. The representative from the Northern New York Speed Skating Club will make the bid at the association's meeting next month in Milwaukee, Wis. The races were held at Alpina, Mich., last year.

At a meeting of the Pittsfield

Speed Skating Club Monday night, tickets were distributed for a ton of coal, which will be awarded later to help finance the club's activities.

## Plans Made For Turkey Day Contest

Tyler Aces Accept Bid To Play in Coliseum Fund Tilt

For the second successive year, Pittsfield will have a Thanksgiving Day morning coliseum fund benefit football game. Plans for it were made yesterday afternoon at a luncheon at the White Tree Inn. The Tyler Aces, the city's representative in semipro circles, accepted an invitation to be one of the contestants, and an opponent will be chosen soon.

After considerable discussion, the game committee voted unanimously that the Aces should receive 80 per cent of the net receipts, with the remaining 20 per cent going to the coliseum fund.

Joe Borletto, the Aces' manager, who also is a member of the committee, was designated by the group to book an opponent. The guarantee to the out-of-town team will be figured as a game expense, and will be deducted from gross receipts.

A year ago, the Aces and the Bennington (Vt.) Shamrocks played to a scoreless tie Thanksgiving Day morning. Total receipts were \$1999.50, of which \$250 went to the coliseum fund.

At the luncheon were Borletto, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation; John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department; William A. Knoblock, Coach Arthur S. Fox of Pittsfield High; Harold E. Hennessey, vice-principal of Pittsfield High; John M. Flynn, sports editor of The Eagle; Dan Healy of WBRK; Joe Sammon of WBRK, Francis Douglas, Joseph J. Carroll, principal of Lenox High, and Roger O'Gara. Perry presided.

## City Committee On Halloween Meets Thursday

The final meeting of the city-wide Halloween committee will be held Thursday night at 7.45 in the Parks and Recreation Department offices. All marshals and chairmen of activities are asked to be present to complete details for the celebration which will be Monday, Nov. 1.

The float committee has ruled that only children should do the work. Parents may plan and assist in construction of the floats, but the actual work should be done by the children to insure a spirit of competition. Ira T. May, chairman of the float committee, said several schools interested in presenting floats are unable to get trucks. Anyone willing to donate the service of a truck for that date is asked to call Mr. May. Female volunteers also are needed for the parade. Those interested may call Bernard O. Plouffe, general chairman.

Sheriff J. Bruce McIntyre will be in charge of the judges' stand assisted by the following in judging of floats: Mrs. Curtiss M. Cederstrom, Mrs. Elmore J. Fitz, Mrs. Kenneth E. Harrison, Mrs. G. Bartlett Hendricks and Mrs. William C. Hurt. Turn-out and themes of schools will be judged by Mrs. Fred R. Hoyt, Mrs. William C. Root, Mrs. William F. Frisch, Mrs. Jesse E. Fuller and Mrs. Leroy Phillips.

## Bobby Kidney Day To Be Observed Saturday, Oct. 19/30

Bobby Kidney Day will be Saturday, Oct. 30, when the official drive to get \$375 in donations will be pushed by members of the playground councils. The contributions will pay for the table model television set presented to seven-year-old Bobby Tuesday at his home at 136 Madison Avenue.

Robert F. Stafford, chairman of the committee which is raising funds, was present Tuesday with the following members of the central neighborhood playground council: Mrs. Donald G. McDonald, Mrs. William W. Monks, Mrs. George E. Hespeline and Raymond A. Ducharme. The set was presented by Mr. Stafford, and a recorded interview by Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, was broadcast over Station WBEC last night.

The committee is organizing subordinate committees of two parents in each of the 13 playground councils, who in turn will select youngsters from that neighborhood to solicit from door to door. A goal of \$20 has been set for each playground council. That should total about \$300. The other \$75 is expected from additional contributions which already have begun to arrive. Senator Michael H. Condrone gave \$5 and Mrs. Hazel Mulcare of Lenox, also contributed \$5. The television set was furnished at cost by England Brothers.

Little Bobby has been fighting a three-year battle against one of the severest polio cases in Berkshire County. His fight is featured in the current issue of National Foundation News, official publication of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

## 100 Tickets Will Be Sold

Only 100 tickets will be sold for the first dinner meeting of the Monday Morning Quarterbacks' club Monday night at 6.30 at the Hotel Sheraton.

Speakers will be Coaches Art Fox of Pittsfield High and John Lyons of St. Joseph's High.

Tickets may be procured from Francis Douglas, Larry Bossidy, Francis Nichols, John Massimiano, Clem Farrell and Earl Stetson.

## Opening Tilts Tomorrow in Flea League

The Flea City Touch Football League will open its season on the Common tomorrow morning at 10.30 with two games. The Men from Mars will oppose the Fenn Flashes, and the Root Aces will go against the Tyler Midgets.

Approximately 65 boys 12 years of age and under will participate in the league. Five teams are entered. All contests will be played on the Common.

Boys interested in joining the league should communicate with John Massimiano, director of athletics for the sponsoring Parks and Recreation Department.

### The schedule:

#### Saturday

Men from Mars vs Fenn Flashes.  
Root Aces vs Tyler Midgets.

#### Saturday, Oct. 30

Common Aces vs Tyler Midgets.  
Men from Mars vs Root Aces.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 2

Root Aces vs Common Aces.  
Tyler Midgets vs Fenn Flashes.

#### Saturday, Nov. 4

Tyler Midgets vs Men from Mars.  
Fenn Flashes vs Common Aces.

#### Saturday, Nov. 11

Fenn Flashes vs Root Aces.  
Common Aces vs Men from Mars.



## Russell Replies Tersely to Tamburello 10/22

Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Russell replied in two terse sentences today to Paul A. Tamburello's recent warning that his Pittsfield Electric may not give the School Department permission to use the team's floodlights in the event of a conflict between high school and Cam-Am League night schedules at Wahconah Park next September.

In a letter to Mr. Tamburello made public this morning, Mr. Russell stated:

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 18 informing me that even though the Park Commission should decide to give the public school athletic teams priority in the use of publicly owned parks your club could or would deny the use of lights for the one night game the High School pupils desire to schedule for September.

I shall transmit to the School Committee your warning that if the Park Commission decided on a policy not to your liking you may turn off the lights.

Mr. Tamburello's letter, which cited reports that the School Committee is seeking to secure football dates conflicting with possible Electric play-off games next fall, had stated: "Unless we have full co-operation, it is possible that you may have the park but that you will not receive permission to use our lights."

Superintendent Russell's reply this morning included no mention of Mr. Tamburello's request for a conference at which the disagreement might be straightened out. It also contained no reference to the Park Commission's recent decision to notify the School Committee that night football games scheduled at Wahconah Park before Sept. 30 next fall will be agreed to by the commission "only with the understanding that cancellation or transfer may be necessary."

The controversy over next year's Wahconah Park schedules began last month when the opening game of the High School football season conflicted with an Electric's play-off date. The School Department claims that it lost an estimated \$2500 because its game at Wahconah was canceled.

## Halloween Motif Planned for Dance Jamboree 10/29

A Halloween motif will be followed for the Saturday night square dance jamboree in the State Armory on Summer Street, under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. Prizes will be awarded for: Lucky number holder; outstanding Halloween and square dance costumes worn by teen-ager and adult; and to the youngest and oldest couples dancing.

It will be the fourth in a series of Saturday night dances which so far have attracted more than 1000. The dances have paid for themselves and expenses incurred for tickets and posters have been cleared up. Bad weather is expected to swell attendance as traveling outside the city becomes difficult.

A concession and coat room are operated downstairs and a loudspeaker there keeps the people informed about what is occurring on the dance floor. Suggestion boxes are also available.

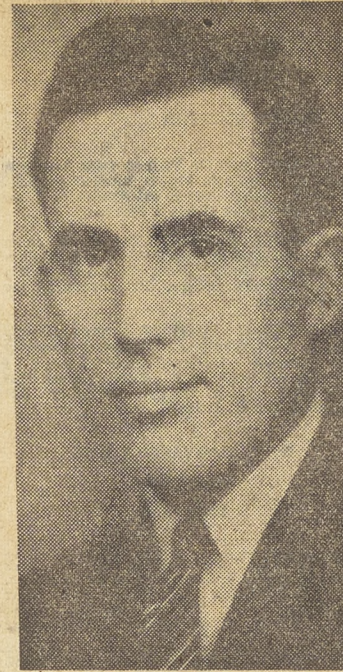
## Marshals Named for Halloween Parade



Lawrence A. Bossidy



William A. Knoblock



Edward T. Wallace

### Knoblock Names Wallace and Bossidy as Aides 10/20

Lawrence A. Bossidy and Edward T. Wallace have been named assistant marshals of the fourth annual Halloween celebration, Monday night, Nov. 1. Their appointment was made today by William A. Knoblock, grand marshal of the parade. The celebration is being co-sponsored again this year by The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department.

A call has been made for more

women volunteers. The committee has almost enough men, but a total of 50 men and women are still needed. Further plans are being made for the football game at 8.55 that night in Wahconah Park, after completion of the parade which will form at 7.15. The Pittsfield High School JV's will oppose a team to be selected soon.

Mr. Knoblock was manager of the Berkshire Buick Agency before being appointed superintendent of the city infirmary in April, 1945. He has taken an active part in local sports activities, especially those sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Bossidy, proprietor of Bossidy's Shoe Store, has been con-

nected with the shoe business since 1918, after graduating from St. Joseph's High. He is a past president of the Lions Club and a past district governor of the Lions International.

Mr. Wallace, district manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Rotary Club, director of the Berkshire Hills Country Club, district chairman of the Boy Scouts, district deputy of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph's Church.

## Hibbard School Building To Be Community Center 10/27

What is believed to be Pittsfield's first community center in a public school building will open at Hibbard School Thursday, Nov. 4, under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department. Circulars publicizing the opening were distributed at last night's meeting of the Lakewood Civic Association, which has crusaded for almost a year for permission to use the facilities.

The auditorium will be open for girls on Thursday nights under the leadership of Miss Elinor J. Dugan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department. The boys will use the center on Fridays, with John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, in charge. Part-time leaders will assist them, and an adult center advisory committee will be formed.

The schedule calls for three sessions each night: From 6.15 to 7.15, six to nine-year-olds; 7.15 to 8.15, 10 to 14-year-olds; and 8.15 to 9.30, 15 to 18. Active and quiet

games, arts, crafts, dramatics and dancing will be offered both nights.

Beginning Nov. 20, the center will be open Saturday mornings with a program based on the successful Thursday-Friday night programs. The original plan of operating four nights a week had to be abandoned because the auditorium will be used three nights by the physical education department of the school. The plan would have had a teen-town canteen, and a fourth night for adults.

Improvements on the auditorium have been made under the direction of Frederic Van Wie, superintendent of public buildings. Last February a new plastic tile floor with the boundaries of an inlaid basketball court was installed. Basketball hoops will be put up soon. And two showerheads will be installed as soon as the slate arrives. The material was shipped more than a week ago, and Mr. Van Wie said they will be installed a few days after the units arrive.

## Dance Tonight At Springside 10/29

An open house will be held tonight at the Springside House as the Junior Country Club's first weekly dance of the season. Dancing will be from 6.30 to 9 and refreshments will be served. Only junior high school youths are permitted to attend.

In preparation for the open house, the rooms have been completely redecorated and an active evening's entertainment is planned. The program committee has made plans to hold a Sadie Hawkins

## Public Events

### Tonight

- 7.30—Annual Halloween parade. Forms on East Street.
- 8.15—Last in a series of whists. Pilgrim Memorial Church.
- 8.30—Third Riggs Clinic-sponsored lecture by Dr. Joseph O. Chassell. Pittsfield High School.

## Jack-o-Lantern Goes Up in Park 10/26

A giant jack-o-lantern was erected in City Hall Park yesterday in preparation for the Halloween celebration next Monday. It is the same pumpkin used in the preceding three celebrations. About 168 have volunteered to help out on this year's affair, which is sponsored by The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department.

A judges' stand will be erected at Park Square. Besides the judges of the bands and best school turn-out of children which were announced earlier, the following members of the float committee will be on the stand: William W. Sable, Max W. Mattoon, Arthur S. Fox, John Fisher and Henry Alperin.

Women volunteers are still needed, the committee reports. In addition to about 20 independent groups, the following 16 organizations have volunteered to help: Pittsfield Junior League; Kiwanis; Daughters of Isabella; Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club; Pittsfield League of Women Voters; Lions Club; Heart of the Berkshire Grange; Pittsfield Permanent Firemen's Association; Fraternal Order of Eagles; American Legion Auxiliary; DAR; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Turnverein; the Berkshire Grange; Franco-American Club; Lakewood Civic Association.



# Parade Line-up For Halloween Announced

## High School Band To Lead Marchers Monday Night 10/30

The Pittsfield High School band will lead the fourth annual Halloween parade to be held Monday night at 7.30, it was announced today by William A. Knoblock, parade marshal. The band will be led by Morton Wayne, supervisor of music in the junior high schools.

One of the Pittsfield Musicians' Local 109 bands will be led by Frank Miller, for the group forming on Wendell Avenue extension; another by Alphonse J. Pelletier, will be at the head of the schools forming at Bartlett School; and the third will be conducted by John A. Noonan for those forming on Pomeroy Avenue. The musicians will be paid from the federation's transcription fund.

Three trucks are still available for schools that wish to enter floats. To date six schools have said they will furnish floats. The line of march, organizing points and people in charge are listed below:

### WENDELL AVENUE Alfred Jacob, Marshal

#### Section No. 1

- 1 Police.
- 2 Grand marshal, William A. Knoblock.
- 3 Committee chairman, Bernard A. Plouffe.
- 4 City officials, walking.
- 5 Board of Park Commissioners.
- 6 City officials, riding.
- 7 Assistant marshal, Edward T. Wallace.
- 8 High School Band, leader, Morton Wayne.
- 9 Pittsfield High School, Joseph J. Volin.
- 10 St. Joseph's High School, John Skowron.
- 11 Central Junior High School, Barbara A. Passmore, Raymond P. Lamont.
- 12 Plunkett Junior High School, Mary Stavaski, W. Irving Rhodes.
- 13 Read School, Ellen Rooney, John M. Lacey.
- 14 Morewood School, Lillian Belair.
- 15 Pomeroy School, Grace Jones, Arthur L. Bradley.

### WENDELL AVENUE EXTENSION Francis E. Douglas, Marshal

#### Section No. 2

- 16 Union Band No. 1.
- 17 Redfield School, Clare Maxwell, Richard F. Mooney.
- 18 Stearns School, E. F. Williams, Edward S. Bailey.
- 19 Bartlett School, Mrs. Leon Strael, John P. Vogt.
- 20 Briggs School, Ida Fosty, Anthony Satrape.
- 21 Mercer School, Mrs. Daniel England, Thomas J. Toole.
- 22 Notre Dame, Joan Weston, William B. Mulcahy.
- 23 Pontoosuc School, Mrs. Everett H. Watson, Basil Kline.
- 24 St. Joseph's School, Mrs. Spencer Daniels, Leslie J. Voorhees.

### BARTLETT AVENUE Edward Ziemba, Marshal

#### Section No. 3

- 25 Assistant marshal, Lawrence A. Bosidy.
- 26 Union Band No. 2.
- 27 St. Mary's School, Mrs. Stanley Norton, John DiOrto.
- 28 Peck's Road School, Jane Renzi, Charles H. Kilmer.
- 29 Coltsville School, Louis Gale, Mrs. John Steele.
- 30 Tucker School, William J. O'Connor.
- 31 Dawes School, Ralph F. Gaylord, Mrs. Wayne E. Birchard.
- 32 Abbey Lodge School, Mrs. Marlin Smith, Gene Cote.
- 33 Nugent School, Paul W. Rote.
- 34 Adults, Paul A. Reardon.

### POMEROY AVENUE Raymond Ducharme, Marshal

#### Section No. 4

- 35 Union Band No. 3.
- 36 Hibbard School, Angie Conte, Michael Cozzolino.
- 37 Russell School, D. A. Giordano, William Betit.
- 38 St. Charles' School, Arnold Klinke.
- 39 Crane School, D. F. Ranatto, Robert E. Dutcher.
- 40 Rice School, Mrs. R. E. Plump, Francis Pelkey.
- 41 Bicycles, Grover Jones.

## More Than 60 Attend Dance At Springside 10/1

More than 60 boys and girls of junior high school age attended last night's open house at the Springside Country Club in the season's first dance. There was no admission for the dancing and games, but the snack bar did a thriving business. Next Friday a Sadie Hawkins dance will be held.

A corsage of red roses was presented to Miss Elinor J. Duggin, supervisor of women's and girl's activities of the Parks and Recreation Department, for her work in getting the rooms completely redecorated and organizing the dance. The presentation was made by Jo Anne Goddard, program chairman.

A sofa, lamp, two chairs and a rug have been donated as the result of a recent plea for furniture, and another sofa, chairs, a bookcase and radio have been promised, but more furniture is needed. Anyone willing to donate items may call the Parks and Recreation offices, phone 9797.

## One-Day Drive For Bobby Given Good Start 10/30

About \$221 of the \$375 needed for the Bobby Kidney television fund was collected before noon today, in Pittsfield's one-day drive to provide entertainment for the young polio victim. The announcement was made by Robert G. Stafford, chairman, who also released plans for use of any excess money collected.

"The drive can't fail to go over if this morning's partial returns are any indication," he said. Only one playground had reported: Dawes, where one youngster had collected \$11.70. Tucker came through with \$27, while the local American Legion post gave \$10 and Holden & Stone's store contributed \$11. About 5 to 10 children in each of the city's playgrounds are conducting the all-day solicitation.

Any money left over after paying for the television set will be used to provide recreation for shut-ins. Mr. Stafford explained. Tentatively the plan is to get radio time from both local stations so that entertainment such as instructions in crafts, games, stories and music may be supplied for both young and old confined to their homes.

## Monterey Couples To Give Square Dance Exhibition 10/1

A special feature of the first annual Halloween square dance jamboree, to be held tonight in the Armory on Summer Street, will be an exhibition of square dancing by a set of four couples from Monterey, wearing costumes that are 109 years old. They have presented similar exhibitions in other towns in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wallace Tryon are leaders, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hall, Earl Bickford and Miss Amy H. Enoe, and Howard Wells and Miss Nina R. Tryon. The jamboree, fourth in a series of 20 to be presented by the Parks and Recreation Department, will start at 8 with round and square dancing until 11.45. Participants are urged to come in costume to compete for prizes, but costumes are not compulsory. Orville (Pop) Smith, who does the calling, will be heard over Station WBRK at 7.30, as on past Saturday nights.

## PITTSFIELD BOBBY KIDNEY FUND OVER TOP BY \$450

### Pittsfield Group to Use Extra Sum for New Activity 10/1

Pittsfield, Oct. 30.—The Bobby Kidney television fund went over the top by \$450 when all the playground boxes were counted this afternoon and the committee has decided to stay together and use this money for a new activity in the park and recreation department.

They will establish a shutin recreation department and expect to furnish materials for shutins to use.

A meeting will be held soon to add more members to the committee.

The Bobby Kidney fund was established to buy a television for the nine-year-old infantile paralysis victim who has been bedridden for three years. The fund total may reach \$1000.

## Girls' League Plans Party

### City-wide Event

### Monday; 800 Attend

### Parties This Week 10/30

A special city-wide Halloween party for elementary girls will be held Monday afternoon from 5.30 to 7.15 at the Girls' League. Regular elementary classes have been canceled.

More than 800 attended the Halloween parties this week at the Girls' League. Costumes were judged, games played and refreshments served.

Prizes were awarded to the following:

Monday, juniors—Prettiest, Arlene Parker; most original, Regina Healy; funniest, Elva Gleason; most typical of Halloween, Caroline Evans; honorable mention, Linda Windover Judy Meirowitz, Linda Gagnier, Caroline White and Paula Taylor.

Judges, Mrs. William J. Degnan, Miss Ruth M. Nicholson, Miss Helene M. Millet. Monday, seniors—Prettiest, Eleanor Westly; most original, Beverly Fairfield; funniest, Shirley Mayo; most typical of Halloween, Carolyn Cassidy; honorable mention, Gladys Leone, Joan Martin, Nancy Breen, Natalie Mackie, Flora Morrow, Miss Millet.

Tuesday, juniors—Prettiest, Joyce Karalan; most original, Sally Hanford; funniest, Maureen Boyle; most typical of Halloween, Paula Scagliarini; honorable mention, Linda Nadeau, Paula Spasyk, Janet Williamson, Virginia Farrar, Kay Smith.

Tuesday, seniors—Prettiest, Mary Jane O'Neil; most original, Barbara Fields; funniest, Rosemary Reagan; most typical of Halloween, Katherine Saldo; honorable mention, Marcia Lipsey, Roberta Rivers, Patricia Matthews, Marion Bangs, Patricia Mills.

Judges, Mrs. Richard J. Hopkins, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Richard J. Bridges.

Wednesday—Prettiest, Beverly Giabakias, Helen Godowski; most original, Rita Rollins, Ann Mattoon; funniest, Judith Brady, Mary Dunn; most typical of Halloween, Shirley Street; honorable mention, Margaret Joyce, Joanne Guzy, Beverly Stafford, Joyce Cunningham, Judy Ann Mongeon, Rose Gerhardt, Ellen O'Connell, Lillian Turbille, Rose Marie Mogel, Virginia Carnavale.

Judges, Mrs. Wendell G. Ahern, Mrs. Leonard C. Talbot.

Thursday—Prettiest, Lynne Walden; most original, Marilyn Murphy; funniest, Judith Ann Lee; most typical of Halloween, Peggy Madden; honorable mention, Pamela Atchinson, Patricia Haskins, Karen Edda, Joan Jones, Sandra Whiting, Michaela Maguire, Nancy Ann Clayton, Frances Duval, Susan Maislen, Judy Maislen, Dorothy Garneau.

Judges, Mrs. Everett Watson and Mrs. Malcolm M. Chesney.

## Greylock Club Bids for National Junior Races

The national junior downhill and slalom races may be held on the Greylock Thunderbolt Trail this winter if the Mount Greylock Ski Club wins the sanction they requested yesterday at the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association convention in New York. Reno, Nevada, is also bidding for the meet and the decision will be made at the National Amateur Ski Association convention in Chicago, Nov. 11 to 14. In last year's national junior meet at Boise, Idaho, Verne Goodwin placed fifth and Paul Bousquet, 16th.

The Berkshire Interscholastic meet at State Forest, Feb. 4 and 5, and the Massachusetts State downhill championship on Greylock on Feb. 27 were sanctioned yesterday at the New York convention. Both will be sponsored by the Mount Greylock Ski Club. If the national junior meet is held here, the state downhill championship will be given some other Massachusetts club.

## Fifty Boys Attend First Grid School 10/1

Fifty boys were present on the Common Saturday morning for the first meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department's school for Flea City Touch Football League players. The instructors were John Massimiano, director of athletics for the department and assistant coach of the Tyler Aces, and Bill Paris, Al Bianchi and Jerry Scutt, all stars with the Aces.

The Tyler Midgets defeated the Men from Mars, 13-7 in a league contest. George Tesoniero led the Midgets. He scored the first touchdown on an intercepted pass, and threw a 20-yard aerial for the second.

Because school won't be in session tomorrow, election day, two contests will be played on the Common. Both will start at 10.30. The pairings are as follows: Root Aces vs Common Aces; Tyler Midgets vs Fenn Flashes.

## Bobby Kidney Gets Football From Tyler Aces 10/1

The football, which was used in the Tyler Aces-Chicopee Braves game at Wahconah Park yesterday afternoon, was presented by the Pittsfield team to Bobby Kidney, the polio victim.

All 29 Aces, including the players, coaching staff and managers, visited Bobby at his home before the game, and promised him they would win, and give him the ball.

Last week, they contributed \$58 from their share of the St. Anthony's Crusaders' game receipts to the television fund for Bobby.

## Prizes Offered To Square Dancers

Prizes and several innovations are promised for the square dance jamboree slated in the State Armory, Summer Street, Saturday night. The prizes will go to the boy, girl, and man and woman with the best square-dancing costume, and to the oldest couple attending. A suggestion box will be available and so will a refreshment stand.

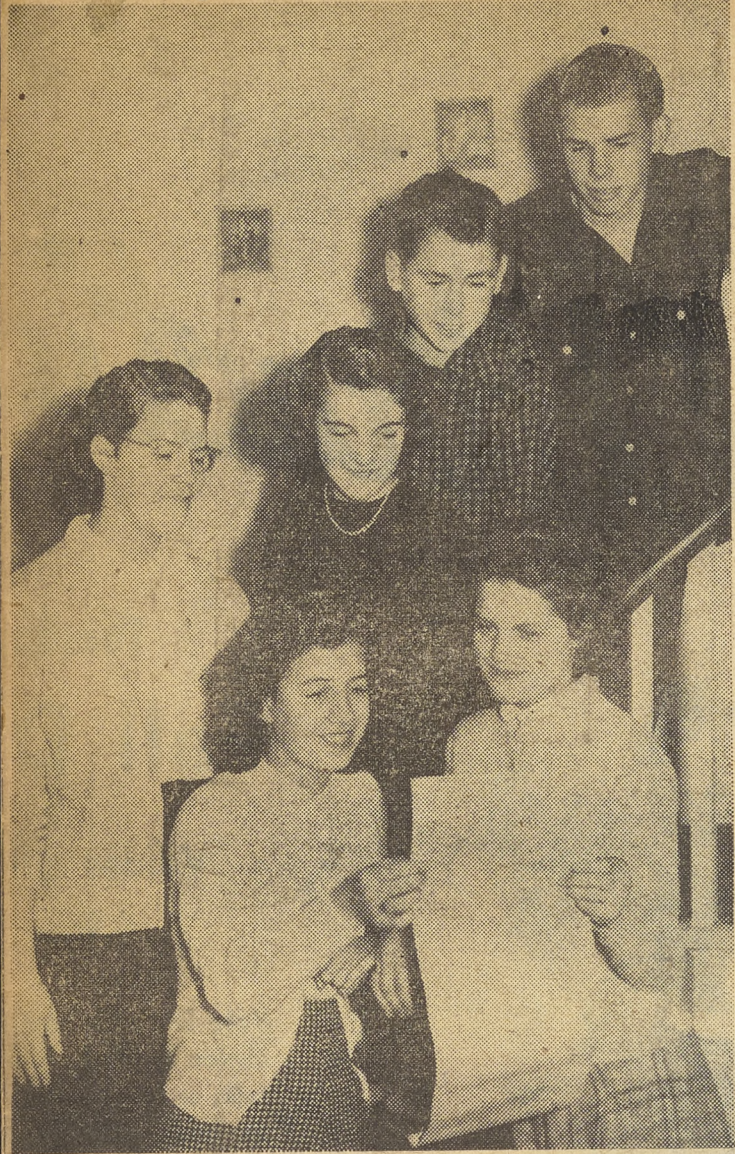
The dances will be every Saturday night through the fall and winter for young and old under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. Round dances and polkas will be played, as well as square dance numbers.

## R. E. Morwick Heads Junior Hikers' Club

Robert E. Morwick of 20 Beech Grove Avenue was elected president of the Junior Hiking Club Saturday afternoon, when the hikers visited Bousquet's ski center. John White of 25 Hollister Street was chosen vice-president, and Thomas Toole of 33 Willis Street, secretary. Plans for future hikes to State Forest, Balance Rock and the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary were discussed.



## Planning Sadie Hawkins Day



Members of the Junior Country Club's program committee review plans for Saturday's Sadie Hawkins Day when "fear-crazed bachelors will run for their onnatcherel, mizzuble lives" at the Springside House. The open-house-dance which opened the season Friday attracted about 60 junior high school youths. Rachel Coltrera of 5 Sunset Street and JoAnne Goddard, chairman, of 45 Chatham Street are in the foreground. Left to right on the stairs are: Eunice O'Brien, 1331 North Street; Francis Berry, 56 Wilson Street; Edward Delusky, 1304 North Street; and Allen O'Brien, 1331 North Street. //

## Intra-Squad Teams To Play At Wahconah Park Tonight

An intra-squad game between the Pittsfield High School Red and Purple teams will be held tonight at 8.30 at Wahconah Park as part of the Halloween celebration. Football proficiency contests for prizes will be held between the halves, with about 20 already listed for the competitions.

Edward C. Hickey, junior varsity football coach, will coach the Red team and Al Bianchi, varsity line coach will handle the Purple squad. The game will be four eight-minute quarters, with the following volunteer officials: John P. Leahy, James J. McNeice, Joseph T. Varanka and Ralph R. Renzi.

Arrangements for the contest have been handled by Fred S. Fahey, assistant superintendent and director of athletics at the Boys' Club; William A. Knoblock, marshal of the Halloween parade; and John A. Massimiano, director of athletics of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The following students have signed for the three competitions:

Punting for distance, George Turner, Dick Ross, Horace Williams and Bob Brennan of Pittsfield, and Ed Ferris and Jinx Principe of St. Joseph's; passing for accuracy, Tony Ferdyn, Jim Dunstan, Bob Brennan and George Turner for Pittsfield, and Ed Ferris, Ed Poulin and Fred Broderick, for St. Joseph's; place or drop kicking, Tony Sacchetti, Carl Hamilton, Carl Perrault for Pittsfield, and Ed Ferris and Bobby O'Hearn for St. Joseph's.

The teams are listed below:  
Reds: Ends, Heidel and Reed; tackles, Florini and Leslie; guards, Nugai and Brown; center, Morris; backs, Dunstan, Avalue, Russell and Garivaltis. Purples: Ends, Soutier and Pytko; tackles, Comtois and O'Boyle; guards, Beauchaine and Henriques; center, Sottung; backs, Snook, Wilde, W. Turner and Filkins. Substitutes will be: Perrault, Mehos, Williams, Rock, Skowrin, Abriel, Dow, O'Brien, Ferdyn, Strauss, Lombardi, J. Thompson, Frady and Kordana. Carl Hamilton will do the kicking for both teams.



**SQUARE DANCE HALLOWEEN WINNERS:** Three prize winners at Saturday night's Halloween square dance jamboree in the armory, look down at four who received honorable mention. About 300 attended the fourth dance of the season. An exhibition of square dancing was given by four couples from Monterey, who also led the grand march. The winners on the stage are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Smith of 299 Linden Street, and Miss Roberta A. Grove of 719 Tyler Street. Mr. Smith is at the left. The couples looking up from left to right are: Roy Sembini of 986 East Street and Miss Elinor Massa, 986½ East Street; Miss Mary Lou Beatee, 984 East Street, and Kenneth Wood of 27 Francis Avenue. The dances are sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. //

## Halloween Celebration Starts at 7 Tonight in Park

Some last-minute instructions have been released for tonight's fourth annual Halloween celebration co-sponsored by The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Parents are asked to bring their children to the formation points by 7 so the parade can form at 7.15 and move out at 7.30. Only marchers will be judged for costumes. Those wishing to compete must get off the floats when they cross the First Street bridge on the return trip and finish the parade on foot.

All judges are asked to report to Sheriff J. Bruce McIntyre at the judges' stand in front of City Hall Park at 7. Those assigned to distribute the jack-o'-lantern cards should report to John A. Massimiano at the same time and place. Volunteers working on the jack-o'-lantern contest should be in Park Square at 6.15, while those helping

in the block dance will report to Robert P. Carmel in the parking lot near the Telephone Building at 8.30. The rest who will handle the prize ring in the same parking lot should report to Miss Vera M. Gentile at 8, and people designated to distribute prizes will report to Miss Elinor J. Duggan in the same area and time.

Children in the three hospitals and the Crippled Children's Home will be entertained with a skit by members of the Girls' League dramatic class. Supper trays with favors and pumpkins will be supplied by the following members of the Junior League committee: Mrs. Robert D. Bardwell, Mrs. Everett H. Watson, Mrs. Howard J. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Seyffer, Mrs. Edwin Busch, Mrs. Spencer Daniels, Miss Rhoda H. Rasmus and Miss Sally Powers and Mrs. Stanley H. Norton, the cochairmen.

## Hikers To See Airport

Pittsfield's junior hiking club will visit the Pittsfield Airport tomorrow morning in its first hike, leaving from Clapp Park at 10.30. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of women's and girls' activities in the Department of Parks and Recreation which is sponsoring the club, will be in charge. Children are asked to bring lunches. 10/22

Winter sports night will be Dec. 9 in the High School auditorium and the winter sports committee will try to get a movie of the Olympics and John Jay lecture for the event, it was decided at last night's organizational meeting of the season in the Park and Recreation Department offices, with Francis Douglas, chairman. The committee also discussed the proposed 1949 budget. Several members are trying to arrange state skiing and skating meets, as well as national meets to Pittsfield.

## Halloween Depredations Slight to Date

Although police have not yet uncrossed their fingers, preliminary reports point to one of the most successful Halloween celebrations of recent years.

Except for a total of 15 widows broken at Plunkett School, reports were all considered on the frivolous side of the ledger. Air mysteriously escaped from various tires, a BB gun punctured a window at 160 Second Street, and soap was used in other places than behind the ears.

Police are not committing themselves, however, until tomorrow morning.



## Surplus of Bobby Kidney Fund Will Be Used To Aid Shut-Ins

The Bobby Kidney television fund has hit the \$1200 mark and returns will not be complete until tomorrow night. The total was announced by Robert C. Stafford, chairman of the drive. He also released tentative plans for a shut-in program to entertain Pittsfield residents confined because of illness.

Leading playground collection came from Francis Avenue, Bobby's home district, with a total of \$206.45. Deming was second with \$112, and Wahconah third with \$102.50. Others were: Root, \$80.56; Highland, \$65.57; Clapp, \$64.92; Springside, \$50.67; Wilson, \$43.61; Lakewood, \$38.62; Coltsville, \$23; Coolidge, \$17.50; and Abbey Lodge, \$17.

Complete returns are expected for the next meeting of the Kidney-committee tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Parks and Recreation Department offices. The remaining playgrounds will report then, and some individual contributions are

expected. Another meeting date will be set to invite representatives of churches, The Eagle, and both radio stations.

Mr. Stafford said Bobby, Pittsfield's nine-year-old polio victim, would like to see others who are confined to their beds or homes, share in the kindness showered upon him by local people. A shut-in recreational program is planned, to be called the Pittsfield Sunshine Club. One plan is to have a small mimeographed paper, the "Armchair Sentinel," for the shut-ins. In this way, a project set up to bring happiness to one boy will please hundreds.

The drive began three weeks ago when the central council of playground neighborhood councils held its last 1948 meeting. The representatives figured it would take two months to collect the \$375 needed for the television set which was bought at cost from England Brothers. The set was presented two weeks ago. The collection was delayed until Saturday so it wouldn't interfere with the Community Chest fund drive. Bulk of the drive was carried out by children of the 13 regular and three future playgrounds, headed by an adult from each section.

## More Than 600 Attend Boys' Club Party

More than 600 attended the annual Halloween party at the Boys' Club last night. The event started at 5.15 and extended to 7.15 and consisted of a program of music and movies followed by three acts of vaudeville including the Thompson Brothers, James and William, in hillbilly songs; Joe Harrison, comedy juggler, and Joe Vianni, accordion. The program closed with group singing.

A feature was the costume parade. David Corbett was judged the winner of the most beautiful costume; most appropriate, Ray Matteson; most grotesque, Joseph Morrow; and most original, Bernard Esterman. The door prize was won by Jackie Weldon. Judges were Mrs. Caroline Monk, Mrs. James E. Keegan, Mrs. Joseph Varanka, Miss Priscilla K. Knapp and Willard F. M. Gray.

Apples were given the boys as they left the building in time to take part in the Halloween parade.

Prizes will be awarded the winners at the club today.

## Game Planned For Halloween

### PHS Jayvee Team Accepts Bid To Play In Night Contest

The sports committee of the community Halloween observance committee is considering the possibility of having a football game at Wahconah Park after the big parade. The Pittsfield High jayvees, under Eddie Hickey, have accepted an invitation to be one of the teams, and an effort is being made to secure a worthy foe.

Tentative plans call for the kick-off Monday night at 8.15.

Two specialty football contests will be held between the halves. Prizes will be awarded for proficiency in drop-kicking and forward passing.

William A. Knoblock, Fred S. Fahey and John A. Massimiano are members of the sports committee.

## Lee Team Chosen To Play Aces Here Thanksgiving

### North Adams Crusaders Decline Offer, Borletto Says—Hope of Game With Agawam Kept Alive

The Lee Lions will be the opponent for the Tyler Aces in the Thanksgiving Day morning football game at Wahconah Park.

That was decided at a meeting of representatives of the two teams last night after the St. Anthony's Crusaders of North Adams declined a flat \$500 offer to be the holiday foe, Manager Joe Borletto of the Aces said. The Crusaders asked an even cut of the net receipts, and Borletto promptly rejected that.

Borletto disclosed this morning that the Aces haven't abandoned the idea of playing Agawam AA for the Western Massachusetts semipro title. However, he said Agawam wasn't willing to play here Thanksgiving Day. The two teams still are conferring relative to the possibility of a contest Sunday, Nov. 21. The difficulty, Borletto pointed out, is that each wants to play at home.

The Lee club agreed to play for a \$400 guarantee, but two additional provisions were written into the contract. Both are based on attendance. If the paid attendance reaches 2500, the Lions will receive an additional \$50. If it goes above 3000, an extra \$50 will be paid. Thus, the Lee team could take away \$500.

At the insistence of Manager Borletto, it was specified that no championship will be involved. The Aces already have clinched the Berkshire County semipro crown. They defeated the Lee team 7-0 at Wahconah Park two weeks ago. Agreement to the non-titular aspect of the contest was set forth in the contract, Borletto said this morning.

After considerable discussion, the two managements agreed on these officials: James McNeice, Joseph Woitkoski and Shaun Meehan, all of Pittsfield, and Walter Potter of Lee. Fred S. Fahey was named as alternate.

The conference between the two managements was held at Deming Field after the Aces had concluded their practice session. Coach John Consolati, several of his players, and officials of the Lee Sons of Italy represented the Lee club.

Twenty per cent of the net receipts of the Thanksgiving game will go to the World War II memorial sports coliseum fund. The Aces will get the remaining 80 per cent. The guarantee will be considered a game expense, and will be deducted from the gross receipts.

Borletto said that he first com-

## Players Need Help

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Never before, in the 27 years' history of the Town Players has that organization had more active members, harder workers with more enthusiasm and ambitious plans, than now. Yet one problem which the group has not been able to solve endangers the continuation of a program of putting on plays such as have, in the past, been enjoyed by so many persons in this community.

What we lack is a place to build new scenery, to wash and store old "flats." Any large open area that can be heated, has running water and a cement floor with drainage could be used. (Last winter the stage crew scrubbed "flats" in the snow, at below-freezing temperatures—one way of proving that it can't be done again!) The group is quite ready to pay a reasonable rent for such space but none has, thus far, been found.

The Town Players have carved their niche in the structure of our community life. The group's activities teach as well as entertain. Surely some one in the community can suggest some way to solve this urgent problem. Any help will be much appreciated.

MARGARET F. BURBANK.  
781 North Street,  
Pittsfield.

## Tennis Plans To Be Discussed

The city-wide tennis committee will meet Monday night at 7.45 in the Parks and Recreation Department's office with representatives of four major tennis court construction firms to get approximate costs for the four proposed courts at Deming Field. The park commissioners will be invited to attend. The decision was made at a meeting last Sunday afternoon in the Park Department offices.

During Sunday's meeting Sterling A. Lord of Burlington, Iowa, explained how 11 all-weather courts were obtained in his town, and suggested the same type be installed in Pittsfield. He pointed out that the individual cost of playing tennis is very low, and community facilities for such entertainment cost much less than for baseball or football.

## Springside House Needs Furniture

A plea for furniture to complete the newly-decorated Springside House is being made by the Parks and Recreation Department. Greatest need is for chairs, sofas, tables and bookcases. The furniture will help provide a comfortable meeting place for members of the Golden Age Club, Town Players, Junior Country Club and others who use the place for meetings or parties. Donations will be picked up by park workers whose number is 9797.

## Square Dance Jamborees To Start Here Oct. 9

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that all plans have been completed for the weekly square dance jamborees. Every Saturday night from 8 to 11.45, these jamborees will be held at the State Armory.

Pop Smith, well known square dance prompter, and his orchestra will play for the dances. There will be three squares, and three rounds, and polkas. Pop Smith will bring guest entertainers from time to time.

These dances will begin on Saturday, Oct. 9, and will be sponsored and conducted by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Boxing Classes Planned at Hibbard Center

Boxing classes for boys and an assistant to help the girls have been announced for Pittsfield's first school community center to open in Hibbard School tomorrow night for girls and Friday for boys.

Several local athletes have volunteered to teach boxing classes and their names will be announced later, it was announced by John A. Massimiano, Parks and Recreation Department director of athletics who will handle the boys' night.

Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman of 266 Lebanon Avenue will assist Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, who will handle the Thursday night classes for girls. Mrs. Sherman was a playground director at Osceola last summer.

The community center will be open from 6.15 to 7.15 for children from six to nine years of age; 7.15 to 8.15 for those 10 to 14; and 8.15 to 9.30 for those 15 to 18. Programs will include quiet and active games; arts and crafts; basketball, volleyball, dramatics, dancing and badminton.

A neighborhood council will be formed to correlate activities.





**BOYS' CLUB SMALL FRY CELEBRATION:** More than 600 boys in costume jammed the Boys' Club auditorium from 5.30 to 7.15 PM yesterday for a program of movies, costume judging, refreshments and special vaudeville acts. The youngsters showed up in everything from store costumes to odds and ends of Mom's and Pop's old clothes, with chimney soot as cosmetics. Prizes went to the following: Bernard Esterman, most original; John Morrow, grotesque; David Corbett, prettiest; Raymond Madison, appropriate; and Jack Weldon, door prize. A similar party for the other sex attracted more than 180 at the Girls' League, and the YMCA dance for High School students at 8.45 drew 300. About 100 showed up for the movies at the FMTA at 8.45. Prize winners at Girls' League were: Midge Solberg, Lucy Jordan, Mary Reardon, Andrea Jamross, Margaret Comalli, Ann Mattoon, Jantha Pomeroy, Barbara Corkins, Cynthia Rawling, Lillian Turville.

#### \$168 in Prizes Awarded

For the second consecutive year, the parade was co-sponsored by The Berkshire Evening Eagle and the Parks and Recreation Department, with more than 200 prizes costing \$168 distributed to the gaily-costumed youngsters. Prizes ranged all the way from a cash register and movie projector to modeling sets, stuffed dolls, carom boards and paint sets.

The Trepania family, children of Mrs. Christine Trepania of 41 Seymour Street, caused a furore. Three-year-old Stephen was dressed as an organ grinder (actually playing) topped off with a tired-looking cardboard monkey. His four and five-year-old sisters, Christine and Judith, sported Mickey and Minnie Mouse costumes.

Most popular costume for the parade was that of hobo, with oversized clothes and blackened faces. The stuffed long-johns, some with droopy seats, numbered about seven, while there were no less than four headless men suggesting Ichabod Crane.

Ingenuity was carried far with cardboard boxes serving as the basis of Frankenstein's monster, another as a black die (half a pair of dice), and scarecrows. Others defied identification. Two youngsters were dressed in burlap bags, while another wore a lighted lampshade on his head. Still another had a nose which lighted up.

Formal costumes were also used. Stephen Moore of Pittsfield road, Lenox, was Robin Hood, and his brother, Cyrus, wore a full-length king of hearts and queen of hearts as a sandwich-man royalty, with a dust mop for hair. Diamond Jim and Lil were there, as well as Al Capp's he and she shmoos. Abby Lodge had a full float of shmoos. And seasons became mixed with Santa Claus trooping past.

As parade marshal, William A. Knoblock wore foot-long chin whiskers, red neckerchief, and worn blue denims topped off with a straw hat and corn cob pipe. His assistant marshals, Edward T. Wallace and Lawrence A. Bossidy, were not in costume. City officers marching were Councilmen Roy F. Brown, Patrick E. Callaghan, George A. Purnell, Clifford F. Reynolds and Leland C. Talbot; Park Commissioners Monroe B.

## 15,000 Jam North Street To See Halloween Parade

More Than 200 Prizes Awarded to Youngsters—The Eagle and Park Department Sponsor Community Event

Twenty-five hundred assorted witches, goblins, ghosts and hoboes clattered and scampered along North Street during last night's mammoth fourth annual Halloween celebration. An estimated 15,000 were stacked about 10 deep at the corner of East and North Streets, and lined both sides down to Orchard where the parade turned up First Street to end at the Girls' League.

England and John Viale; and Representative Thomas E. Enright.

The Lakewood section came through with two first prizes. The Civic Association's Cinderella float won \$15, and Hibbard School got a \$15 prize for the best theme. It was seven boys carrying lighted pumpkins each with a letter of the school carved in it. The Cinderella float had two little boys resplendent in livery, driving a huge pumpkin carried on a truck. Cinderella was riding inside with her train standing at the rear.

Second prize of \$10 for floats went to St. Mary's School with an horrendous display of witches around a cauldron, and skeletons in the background. Third prize for \$5 was taken by Dawes with an Alice in Wonderland tea complete with Alice and the Mad Hatter. Second and third prizes of \$8 and \$5 for school themes went to Read and Pomeroy.

Morewood and Abbey Lodge Schools got \$15 each for turning out 100 per cent; Pontoosuc got \$8 for a 33 per cent turnout; and St. Joseph's Grammar School had 32 per cent to get \$5. The union band led by Alfonse Pelletier took a \$20 first prize; John A. Noonan's got \$10; and Frank Miller's got \$5. The Pittsfield High School band led the parade but was not in costume.

Festivities started at 5.30 with 600 skeletons, hoboes and what not

cramming into the Boys' Club auditorium for a program of movies, refreshments, special acts and prizes. The Girls' League at the same hour attracted 180. After-parade celebrations drew 300 high school students to the YMCA; 100 junior high students saw the movies at the FMTA; and a good-sized crowd attended the block dance on Wendell Avenue extension.

#### 300 See Grid Game

About 300 saw the start of the high school intra-squad football game at Wahconah Park, won by the Purples coached by Arthur S. Fox. Tony Ferdyn scored a touchdown in the third quarter for the margin of victory over the Reds, coached by Edward C. Hickey, junior varsity coach. The Purples were on the Reds' seven-yard line when the game ended.

Between halves contests in football proficiency earned \$5 credit slips at England Brothers for Tony Sacchetti, Dick Ross and Bobby Brennan. Sacchetti kicked four out of six conversions; Ross punted 42 yards; and Brennan's pass hit the tire suspended from the goal post cross bar.

A total of 12 prizes were given at the jack-o-lantern contest at 6.30 for those under eight. Special feature of that event was a recitation "Mr. Jack-o-Lantern," by City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile, with the aid of Arseneau's

Radio Service. Many of the youngsters were crowded around the giant pun'kin in Park Square waiting open-mouthed for Mr. Jack-o-Lantern to come out.

Prizes for the most original jack-o-lantern went to Louise Hoyt, Barbara Buckwalter and Bobbie Watson. One had a carved witch on a broomstick, and another had a lattice-work arrangement instead of the conventional face. Still another had carrot ears, turnip nose and red pepper tongue.

Other jack-o-lantern prizes went for: Smallest, Barbara Zink, Stephen Trepania and Sidney Smith; largest, William Dobelle, Paul Levine and Peter Dunham; funniest, Linda Jean Gagnier, Charles Hart and Nancy Ann Rafferty.

#### COSTUME PRIZE WINNERS

Robert Bordeleau, 28 North Pearl Street; Billy Barstow, 243 Second Street; Terry McGovern, 285 West Street; Verne Vile, 68 Brown Street; Howard Peck, 63 Hull Avenue; David Munsey, 11 Warren Terrace; Dorene Forslund, 184 West Street; Connie Tierney, 715 West Street; Maryanne Lacey, 275 Peck's Road; Elaine Brites, 635 East Street; William Rushbrook, 39 Gale Avenue; John Morrow, 1531 West Street; Patricia Fassell, 91 Bay State Road; Linda Jean Gagnier, 48 Hawthorne Avenue; Sharon Anne Reddy, 53 Hawthorne Avenue; Paul Wilson, 70 Lyman Street; Marion Larsen, 46 Brenton Terrace; Leslie Larsen, 46 Brenton Terrace; Bruce Gilbert, 46 First Street; Charles Carlo, 28 Bay State Road; William Hajjar, 521 South Street; Jerry Frozitta, 82 Robbins Avenue; Frederica Michel Russ, 36 Tamarack Road; Anthony W. Sottile, 41 Bartlett Avenue; Jonathan Gross, 11 Harding Street; Douglas Gross, 11 Harding Street; Timothy Noonan, 291 Peck's Road; Eildred Ferguson, 164 West Street; Alan Ferguson, 164 West Street; Billy Sweet, 17 Noble Avenue; Joan Mahanna, 28 Bartlett Avenue; Annie Russ, 36 Tamarack Road; James Russ, 36 Tamarack Road; Robert Alessio, 9 Taubert Avenue; Michael Carnute 14 Summit Avenue; Joseph Pula, 99 West Union Street; Robert Waterwire, 180 Onota Street; James Hinckley, 21 South John Street; Barbara Sweet, 96 John Street; Carla Librizzi, 7 Pleasant Street; Diane Hinckley, 21 South John Street; Thomas M. Murray, 501 Lebanon Avenue; John Murray, 501 Lebanon Avenue; Mary Killian, 287 Tyler Street; Mary Dunn, 87 Stoddard Avenue; Gale Coster, 364 Lenox Avenue; James Oullett, 42 New Road; Henry Greenleaf, 275 Dewey Avenue; Barbara Fields, 83 Second Street; Philip Messer, 19 Alcove Street; Ronald Deane, 49 Chatham Street; Maryanne McNeice, 32 Linden Street; Dolores Parzick, 177 Linden Street; Joan Peplowski, 209 Dewey Avenue; Carol Wittig, 78 Edward Avenue; Donna Merletto, 80 Edward Avenue; Billy Carr, 84 Edward Avenue. Marcia Chiorgno, 16 Southern Avenue; John Talarico, 163 Francis Avenue; Carl Liebenow, 122 Mead Avenue; Joyce Legge, 1506 East Street; James Dougherty, 50 New Road; Winifred Ann Roulier, 69 Delancy Avenue; Norman Chapdelaine, 54 Oxford Street; Frances Doucette, 30 Franklin Street; Jimmy Joyce, 186 Second Street; Sandra Gilmore, 201 Springside Avenue; Brad Keeler, 134 Bradford Street; Mary Judith Brosseau, 200 South Appleton Avenue; Barbara Komorowski, 148 Bradford Street; Barbara Keller, 134 Bradford Street; Chester Skowinski, 126 Bradford





**BEST FLOAT:** First prize of \$15 for the best float went to the Lakewood Civic Association's Cinderella coach of a huge lighted pumpkin with Cinderella riding inside. Driving the coach, in full livery, are Fred and Allen Plouffe, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O. Plouffe of 398 Newell Street. Mr. Plouffe was general chairman of the affair. Others in the picture from left to right are: Sandra Knox, Connie Cozzolino, Carol Chiorgno, Patty Pelkey, Leonora Saltarelli and Alice Bertelli. 1/2



**OPEN PLUMBING:** This familiar building with the customary half-moon near the top drew laughs at last night's fourth annual Halloween parade, especially with the inscription on the door of "Next." Another message was "The Good Old Days." The elongated monster at left is Mrs. Francis Lovejoy of 388 Springside Avenue, while the lantern-carrier is Mrs. Richard A. Decelles of 377 Springside Avenue. An estimated 15,000 lined both sides of North Street to watch 2500 small fry parade up North, down Orchard and back up First Street for more than 200 prizes costing \$168.

Street; Beverly Scherben, 1 Turner Avenue; Christine Trepania, 41 Seymour Street; Judith Trepania, 41 Seymour Street; Stephen Trepania, 41 Seymour Street; Gale Scagliarini, 988 East Street; Paula Scagliarini, 988 East Street; Maurine McGinty, 297 Lenox Avenue; Moon-yeon Foucher, 87 Holmes Road; Edward John Renwall, 987 Holmes Road; Judy Ann Burnett, 70 Lyman Street; Veronica Romero, 64 Lyman Street; Joey Zaccari, 61 Circular Avenue; Alfred Pires, 139 Lincoln Street; Margo, Kelton and Michael Miller, 500 Williams Street; Elizabeth Rand, 210 Woodlawn Avenue; Charles Rand, 210 Woodlawn Avenue; Dickie Daley, Lanesboro; Pat Daley, Lanesboro; Mrs. R. Decelles, 277 Springside Avenue; Dorothy Lovejoy, 338 Springside Avenue; Thomas Janos, 799 Tyler Street; Dickie Bolster, 28 Hamilton Street; Mary Reardon, 84 Robbins Avenue.

Stanley Pomerance, 759 North Street; Robert Grabicki, 5 Pleasure Avenue; Jean Garland, 27 Grove Street; Debra Noble, 400 New Lenox Road; Joseph Varano, 537 East Street; Karen Handler, 31 Revere Parkway; Mary Lee Gowdy, 178 Holmes Road; Winthrop Kie, 62 South Church Street; Bob Morwich, 20 Beach Grove Avenue; Susan Warren, 44 Valentine Road; Carl Reed, 57 South Church Street; Barbara Reed, 57 South Church Street; Emily Reed, 57 South Church Street; William Gorgon, 32 Copley Terrace; Della Bassi, 603 Fenn Street; Pat Mullen, 88 Hawthorne Avenue; Nancy Ann Perry, 511 South Street; Jane Rosenfeld, 173 South Mountain Road; Paula Given, 20 South Mountain Road; Pat Farrell, 130 East Housatonic Street; Doris Henderson, 70 Harding Street; Peter Brigham, 136 Bartlett Avenue; Larry Hapgood, Happy Acres, Lanesboro; Dorothy Stanton, 43 Henry Avenue; Robert Crawford, 9 Edwin Street; Richard Potter, 26 Cloverdale Street; Louis Sweeney, 91 Hungerford Street; Joseph Clancy, 235 Fort Hill Avenue; Robert Nelson, 256 Elm Street; Jack Manser, 156 Jones Avenue; Matt Lomvardi, 158 Elm Street; Phil O'Connor, 62 Newell Street; Robert Deloye, 50 MacArthur Street; Susan Reeves, 206 Dawes Avenue; Kerstin Johnson, 427 Lebanon Avenue; Karen Spaniol, 378 Cloverdale Street; Susan Blake, 471 Lebanon Avenue; Patricia Mogul, 21 Branch Street; Nancy Lizotte, 54 MacArthur Street; Judy Ann Mac, 353 Waconah Street; Evelyn Tetlow, Cheshire; David Tetlow, Cheshire.

Raymond Jones, 18 Satinet Street; Judy Needham, 26 Foote Avenue; John Rocco, 247 Francis Avenue; Alfred Bernardo, 48 Hull Avenue; Ralph Sitzman, 14 Winter Street; Gene Sitzman, 14 Winter Street; Patty Lynn White, 107 Appleton Avenue; Carolyn Gene White, 107 Appleton Avenue; Rosemary Ennis, 120 Appleton Avenue; Bobby Ennis, 120 Appleton Avenue; Arline Bona, 30 Pembroke Avenue; Margaret Ellsworth, 11 Wilson Street; Mary Wood, Onota Street; Pat Robinson, 130 Bradford Street; Jerry Nonken, 81 Noblehurst Avenue; Jimmy Drennan, 20 Willis Street; John Sondrini, 34 Fasse Street; John Dalone, 17 Lombard Street; David Frank, 95 Chickering Street; Tommy Ryan, 22 Curtis Terrace; Joe Buckley, 27 Weller Avenue; Carol Evans, 378 South Street; Patricia Bissell, 18 Cleveland Street; Mary and Carolyn Arpante, 21 Faulkner Place; Mary Lawton, 234 Dawes Avenue; David Lawton, 234 Dawes Avenue; William Colbert, 295 Columbus Avenue; Fred Bothwell, 105 Dawes Avenue; Edmond Bagnulo, 117 Dawes Avenue; Sandra Cook, 126 High Street; Bari Lucas, 25 Thompson Place; Judith White, 15 Thompson Place; Billy Drury, 1209 North Street; John Honiker, 314 Lenox Avenue; Francy Burlingham, 57 Acorn Street; James Scalise, 67 Lyman Street; Judy Joyce, 186 Second Street; Martha Joyce, 186 Second Street; Sally Street, 201 Second Street; Al Nardacchi, 220 Fenn Street; David Bliss, 440 Fenn Street; Richard Floss, 103 Third Street.



## Outboard Races, Television Fund To Be Discussed <sup>11/3</sup>

Meetings on the July 4 motor boat races and on the Bobby Kidney television fund will be held tonight in the Parks and Recreation Department offices. At 7.30 the Berkshire Outboard Motor Association will hold its final meeting of the 1948 season. Kenneth Wick, commodore, will preside and a financial report of last July's regatta will be made. A proposal also will be made to joint the Eastern Alliance of Outboard Associations.

At 7.45 in another room the Bobby Kidney committee will meet to tabulate final returns on last Saturday's drive, which has hit the \$1200 mark, and to plan for use of the overage collected, which is more than \$800 because the television set cost \$375.

The committee plans a recreation program for shut-ins, such as those who have become aged and infirm as well as those who are physically handicapped so that they are partially or completely home-bound. Tentative plans call for handicraft instruction; exchange or sale of products made by the shut-ins; obtaining volunteer readers and automobile drivers, and organizing monthly parties.

## Winter Carnival To Be Discussed <sup>11/3</sup>

The winter sports group will meet tomorrow night at 7.45 in the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss next year's winter carnival and the possibility of holding the 1951 North American amateur skating competition in Pittsfield. Committee chairmen and the buttons to be sold in the queen contest will be decided then.

The stumbling block to holding the North American meet here is lack of a proper field house at Clapp Park for use as a skaters' warming house. A boost was given Pittsfield as the site for the meet when Harlan J. Gallagher, former president of the Northern New York Skating Association pointed out its possibilities at a national meeting last week in Milwaukee, Wis.

Publicity for Berkshire County was given at the national meeting by three local groups: The Eaton Paper Corporation donated special leather-bound date books for each of the delegates, with the inscription "Pittsfield in 1951" on the front; the Berkshire Hills Conference distributed 1949 Berkshire Hills calendars, and the Chamber of Commerce made available literature and pictures of Pittsfield.

## Pittsfield To Seek Outboard Motor Event

The Berkshire Outboard Motor Association will join the Eastern Alliance of Outboard Motor Associations, and a Pittsfield bid will be put in for the 1950 Eastern Division Outboard Regatta competitions. Delegates appointed for next Sunday's meeting of the Eastern Association in Albany to complete those details are Kenneth Wick of 287 Dewey Avenue and Albert Freeth of Interlaken. They were appointed at last night's county meeting in the Parks and Recreation Department office. The Eastern Association includes Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and New England. The delegates will also seek confirmation of next July 3 as the date for the local regatta on Pontoosuc Lake.

## Hibbard Center Opens Tonight

A brief ceremony will be held tonight at 6.15 when Pittsfield's first community center in a public school will be opened at Hibbard School. Representatives of the Lakewood Civic Association, who were instrumental in getting the center, and the Hibbard Parent-Teacher Association who assisted them, will be present with several members of the Park Commission.

Registration, formulation of future plans and a discussion of what activities the girls want will be followed by a program of games. Tonight will be for girls, under the direction of Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, assisted by Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman who will be responsible for the quiet game room. Tomorrow night, John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Parks and Recreation Department, will have a similar program for boys.

The center will utilize the facilities in the main auditorium, stage, cloak rooms and near-by restrooms making it unnecessary and impossible for any of the children to use the main school building. Games and a library will be available this week, and next week arts and crafts programs will be started.

## Sadie Hawkins Dance

A small admission will be charged for the Sadie Hawkins dance to be held at the Junior Country Club tomorrow night from 6.30 to 9.30 it was announced today by JoAnne Goddard, chairman. Only junior high youths are allowed to attend.

## Play Chairmen Named

Chairmen for the forthcoming Town Players production of "Ten Little Indians" were appointed last night at the Town Players meeting at Springside House. The play will be presented Nov. 13, 19 and 20 at the Berkshire Museum.

Mrs. Edward F. Sullivan, whose husband is director, is chairman of the ticket committee; Mrs. Joseph D. Abrams, properties; Mrs. L. V. Larsen, make-up; Mrs. William C. Roberts, costumes; Miss Anne Rosenthal, ushers; and Floyd D. McGuffin, publicity.

Plans were made for a dinner meeting Dec. 1.

## Dance Jamboree Resumes Tonight

"Double back and swing your Partner." It will be regular square dance time at the State Armory tonight at 8 as the Department of Parks and Recreation stages its fifth Saturday jamboree.

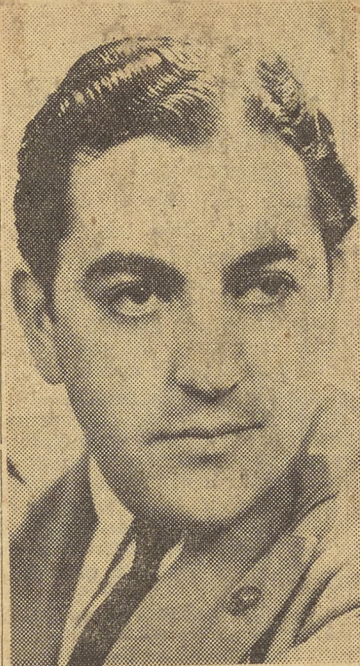
Pop Smith and his Old Timers will again keep the dancers moving through the rounds and squares.

More than 1200 have danced at the last four sessions. Plans are being made for a special jamboree Thanksgiving night. The Park Department wants the whole community to attend.

## Tennis Courts To Be Discussed <sup>11/9</sup>

Ernest P. Brosseau, chairman of the city-wide tennis committee, will meet with Mayor Capeless this afternoon to discuss construction of four tennis courts at Deming Park. He will suggest that the work, if done, be given to a firm in Providence, R.I., which specializes in Laykold courts consisting of layers of bituminous concrete with fibres to provide resiliency. The nine members of the committee present met with the park commission last night, and the commissioners seemed to favor the construction. Two tennis-court construction firms were present at the meeting, and the Laykold bid was favored.

## Blue Barron's Orchestra To Play Here Dec. 3



Blue Barron

Blue Barron's orchestra, first in a possible series of name bands to appear in Pittsfield, will be here Dec. 3. It will play at the Armory under the auspices of the city-wide dance committee, it was announced today by the parent organization, the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jackson J. Perry, department superintendent, said that if the event is successful on that Friday evening, the committee plans to sponsor the local appearance of two more nationally known orchestras before the winter season closes.

The 14-piece orchestra of the stylist of the "music of yesterday and today" will include Betty Clarke and Helen Lowe as vocalists. It will be the first name band to play in this city for at least two years.

Tickets will be placed on sale Tuesday in 11 locations that will be named Monday. Proceeds in excess of the expenses of the affair will be put into a fund for the construction of an outdoor portable dance floor.

## Winter Carnival Plans Outlined

Preliminary plans for next season's winter carnival have been made by the city-wide winter sports committee which met last night in the Parks and Recreation Department. George F. (Doc) Maynard of the Greylock Ski Club will attend the Chicago, Ill., convention of the National Ski Clubs to bid for the 1949 National Junior Downhill and Slalom races which were held in Bogus Basin, Idaho, last winter. Earlier this week Pittsfield entered a bid for the 1951 National Speedskating races.

Miss Rose M. Stomski and Russell D. Bousquet were named co-chairmen of the carnival queen contest to be held during the Christmas holiday season; and Hobart J. Tower and Miles A. Bartlett are co-chairmen of the sale of winter sports equipment.

The committee announced that John Jay, official photographer at the Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland, will show some of his films at the winter sports program in the High School auditorium Thursday afternoon and night, Dec. 9.

The committee also will ask the Park Commissioners to construct a tiny-jot skating area for children under 12 at Francis Avenue. Residents of the area have promised to provide supervision. The only cost to the Park Department would be maintenance.

## Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club To Be Formed

Representatives of churches, nursing associations, schools and others interested in providing entertainment and recreation for shut-ins will meet Thursday, Nov. 18, in the Parks and Recreation Department offices to form a Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club. The decision to send out invitations was made at a report meeting last night of the Bobby Kidney television set committee in the Park Department offices. The report total is over the \$1500 mark.

Robert C. Stafford, who headed the television set committee, will also chairman the Sunshine Club assisted by Mrs. Donald G. MacDonald of 556 Hubbard Avenue, treasurer, and Raymond A. Ducharme of 20 Pembroke Avenue. People will be asked to send in the names of neighbors who are confined to their homes or institutions. Later, membership cards will be mailed to those people.

The television set was given to the young polio victim three weeks ago, and the one-day drive to get \$375 ended up with more than \$1000. Since then, returns have continued to come in, and the \$1500 figure is still on the basis of incomplete totals. Nine-year-old Bobby agreed that the overage, some \$1100, should be used to provide entertainment for other shut-ins. At the next meeting, the representatives will be asked for suggestions about how the shut-ins can best be entertained.

## Recreation Groups To Meet Tonight

The city-wide tennis committee and the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club committee will hold separate meetings in the Parks and Recreation Department offices tonight at 7.45. The tennis committee will hear representatives of several tennis court construction companies explain the value and costs of four courts proposed for Deming playground. The park commissioners will be present after the regular meeting to discuss the costs.

At the Sunshine Club meeting, Mrs. William H. Monks will lead a discussion on what information is needed from each shut-in to insure success of the club. It is expected that more than 200 names will be received before Nov. 18 when invited representatives of organizations interested in shut-ins will meet to plan activities.

## Chamber Booth To Be Ticket Center <sup>11/9</sup>

The Chamber of Commerce information booth on South and Reed Streets will be used to sell tickets for three events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Jackson J. Perry, supervisor, said today. Tickets are on sale for: The Blue Barron dance Dec. 3 in the Armory on Summer Street; Thanksgiving Day game at Wahconah Park between the Tyler Aces and Lee Lions; and the John Jay films of the Olympics to be shown Dec. 9 in the High School as part of the winter carnival. The booth will be open every day from 10 to 1 and 3 to 6.

## Grateful <sup>11/9</sup>

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I want to thank the people of Pittsfield for their generous donations on Bobby Kidney day, to pay for my television set. They have not only brought a means of enjoyment to me, but have helped in the future enjoyment of others who are confined at home as I am. I also wish to thank the Parks and Recreation Department and the playground children who gave their time and effort in my behalf.

BOBBY KIDNEY.

Pittsfield.





**HIBBARD'S HALLOWEEN ENTRY:** Along the line of march of the Halloween parade Monday night the question was asked frequently "what school is this?" but the query was not heard when the Hibbard delegation came along. No explanation was needed because of the obvious reason depicted.



**HIBBARD COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS:** Here are some of the 61 Lakewood children who were registered at last night's opening of Pittsfield's first community center in a public school. The 6.15 to 9.30 session in Hibbard School was divided into three age groups for girls who used the facilities for one hour each under the direction of Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department. Tonight's session will be for boys under the supervision of John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department. Registering the children are: Mrs. Olympio Saltarelli of 37 Herie Avenue and Mrs. Bernard O. Plouffe of 398 Newell Street. Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission, and Miss Duggan are standing at the left. The children are, left to right, Barbara Cozzolino, Theresa Theoret, Patricia Menin, Marie Cozzolino, Catherine and Joan Menin, Betty Acord and Patricia Lenihan. 11/5/48



## Many Youngsters Aided Fund for Bobby Kidney 1/9

The Bobby Kidney television set committee that organized a one-day drive to buy a \$375 set for the young polio victim, was aided in its efforts by a corps of youngsters from Pittsfield playgrounds. The solicitors went from door to door in their playground area and collected more than \$1000. Since then, the fund has climbed over the \$1500 mark and is still going, with the surplus earmarked for a Sunshine Club. The names of the areas and their solicitors follow:

**Coltsville:** Barbara Erickson, Dolores Ferraro, Arthur Borriere, Jack Giguire, Joseph Cassella.

**Wahconah:** Nancy Borden, William Gerhardt, Marion Zurke, Bernice Riley, Patricia Gerhardt, Jan Gerhardt (three years old), Bobby Kurik, Mary Perry, Connie Palonia, Barbara Perry, Rosemarie Gerhardt, Bobby O'Brien.

**Highland:** Walter Crosier, Robert Jones, Herbert Bordon, William Brazill, Edward Koscher, James Carrigan, Louis Paris, Neil Wesley, Robert Morin, Elaine Charlebois.

**Lakewood:** James and Patricia Pelky, Catherine Seckler.

**Deming:** Russell Smith, Joan Thornton, Lillian Wilson, Bruce Mendel, Linda Place, Paul Venti, Richard Riseburg, Danny Perry, Paul Lombardi, Terrie Jones, Tommy McKerr, Al Moulen, Judith Wood, Peter Gamwell, David Gamwell, Matt Lombardi, Tug-gy children, Judith Gerlach.

**Clapp:** Angie Del Singor, Marilyn Hill, David Prestiss, Roy Killackey, Robert Hill, Joan Ellsworth, Beverly Wasuk, Carol Prentiss.

**Abby Lodge:** Madeline Morris, James Heyn, John Renwall, Sheila MacDonald.

**Pitt:** Emily Briggs, Jeanette Mayes, Peggy Bentley, James Saunders, Harold Saunders, Barbara Anderson.

**Common:** Joan Mancivalano, Rodney Rawling, Michael Zorbo, Jean Mancivalano, Nancy Rawling, Joette Zorbo, Philip Lunt, Mary Ann DeFazio, George Lunt, Sam Barbarotti and Dante Fresia.

**Root:** Walter Whitman, John and David Foote, Robert Crosby, Billy Volkmer, Bobby Rose, Shirley Dillard, Carol Haskins, Marsha Reeves, Gary Tabor, David Tarbell.

**Osceola:** Bobby Dallmeyer, Betty Jane Dunn, Janet Cheyene, Edith Peck, Mary Clement, Caroline Hyde, Louis Sweeney, Robert Pearce.

**Francis Avenue:** James, Billy and Larry Dermody, John Rocca, Ralph Gardner, Robert McCaffrey, Francis Kelly, Edith Gramatski, Teddy Flynn, Louise Brown, Barbara Librizzi, Beverly Stafford, Christine Stafford, Tommy O'Brien, Sue Guyette, Rita Murphy, Beverly Watson, Teresa Butymowitz, Patricia Apple, Joan and Anne Lefebvre, Mary Ann Mancivalano, Virginia Carnevale, Marjorie and Ruth Rennie.

**Springside:** Jo Anne Kelly, Mary Dun, Ann Louise and Betty Thacker, Geraldine Bramer, Mary Ann Carity, Marlene Goodwin, Jane Rattigan.

**Crane:** Beverly Nicholls, Norma Ferraro, Catherine and Margaret Hodgis, Sharon Nash, Barbara DiHandt, Linda Mitchell, John Wilder, Robert Brown, Beverly Goss, Joan Avalle.

**Wilson:** Joseph, Shirley and Marilyn Stockley, Sandra Bonacquisti, Harold and Joan Kidney, Stephen Sothard, Gail Sincere, Patricia and George Herriek, William Goddard, William and James Spaniol.

## Sale of Lights At Park To Be Discussed 1/9

Sale of the lights at Wahconah Park will be discussed this afternoon by Attorney Paul A. Tamburello, president of the Pittsfield Baseball Corporation, and Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission. A tentative agreement made last night to exchange the lights for free rental of the park was nullified by a partial ruling from Francis J. Quirico, city solicitor, that the arrangement would be illegal.

The park commissioners had considered an exchange service for ownership of the lighting system which cost the ball club about \$15,000. In return for free rent for an undisclosed number of years, the lights would have been turned over to the Park Department which would then have had complete control of the lighting system. The proposal under consideration now is to buy the lights outright. The other plan would have entailed no outlay of cash. A further discussion will be held Nov. 29, when the commissioners meet again.

The commissioners voted to purchase 3100 new bleachers for Wahconah Park to replace bleachers damaged during the year, and the Chamber of Commerce was given permission to erect the traditional Christmas tree in Park Square.

## Soap Box Race Proposed By Merchants

### West Street Group To Promote Their Shopping Area 1/1

Pittsfield may get its first soap-box derby next year if a proposal made at the founding session of the West Street Merchants Association last night is accepted. The businessmen lining the hill which is the most natural choice for holding such a race would sponsor the derby.

Last night's organization meeting at the Chamber of Commerce was called to revive the promotional group inactive since 1930. Eighteen of 45 businessmen invited attended. Jack Rose served as temporary chairman.

The group named a nucleus committee of Howard S. Babbitt, Douglas Campbell and Chris Maniatis to get the organization rolling. The next meeting Wednesday at 7.30 PM will again be held at the chamber to select a nominating committee for association officers.

The West Street site for a local derby has been proposed in the past. There are several obstacles, one of the biggest being the limited crowd capacity, which the West Street merchants would have to overcome before derby plans could get started.

The association's main purpose is the co-operative promotion of the West Street shopping area.

## Maynard Attending Skiing Convention 1/11

George F. Maynard, past president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club, will make a bid for the national junior downhill and slalom championships at the annual convention of the National Ski Association in Chicago during the next three days. He left this morning.

If the local club wins the meet against the only other bidder, Reno, Nev., it will be held on the Greylock Thunderbolt Trail, Feb. 22 and 23.

The national junior downhill and slalom meet is open to skiers under 18 who have made good records in at least four or five major events during their career. One of the leading local contenders this year is Verne Goodwin, 17-year-old Pittsfield High School senior. He placed fifth in the meet last March at Bogus Basin, Idaho.

## Deming Children Aided Bobby's Fund 1/11

The Parks and Recreation Department has released the names of the Deming playground children, who recently helped raise more than \$1000 in a one-day solicitation from door to door to buy Bobby Kidney a television set. Their names were not included in the list of helpers released several days ago. The children are: Sandra Dorman, Carol Downes, Peter Hubby, Douglas Cowan, Susan Whittlesey, Terry McCartney, Arthur Fancher, Rita Rollins, Eric and Kermit Pruyne, Mary Laughton, John Reagan, Carol Clarke and Beverly Perego.

## Park Decorations To Be More Festive Than Ever 1/11

Park Square Christmas decorations will be more festive than ever this season, under plans advanced by a Chamber of Commerce group yesterday.

The decorations committee of the chamber's merchants group proposes to put lights on five Christmas-trees in the square, instead of just one big one as in recent years.

There will be a large tree in the center of the area, with four smaller ones at each corner. Strings of lights will run from the central tree to the other four.

The cost is to be borne by Pittsfield merchants. Members of the Boys' Club crafts classes, under the direction of Hugo T. Victoreen, will again furnish simulated Christmas gift boxes to be placed beneath the trees.

Mr. Victoreen is a member of the decorations committee, which is headed by W. Wendell Budrow. Other members are William A. Whittlesey 3d, Jackson J. Perry and Perry S. S. Jackson.

## Girls' Basketball League Opens Tuesday 1/11

The Business Girls Basketball League will open next Tuesday night at the YMCA, under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department in co-operation with the YMCA. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays under AAU rules which are used in the National Women's Tournament.

About 40 members of the league attended a basketball school at the YMCA last night. Instruction was given by Miss Dorothy J. Glendon of Dalton who coaches the Dalton High School girls' team.

## Osceola Club To Sponsor Dance 1/17

The Osceola Teen-Age Club will sponsor a public dance Friday evening from 8.30 until 11.30 at St. John's Hall, West Pittsfield. George Fitzgerald of Stephentown, N.Y., who calls Saturday nights at Cherry Plain, will be caller. Walt Wixsom's orchestra will play for round and square dancing. A door prize will be awarded.

Earl F. Appleton, president, is chairman, assisted by Ralph E. Appleton, Mary Lou Sherman, Roberta Clark, Robert Clark, Shirley Gray, Peggy Duggan, Margaret Stewart and William R. Sherman.

On the refreshments committee are Margaret Blair, Margaret Stewart, Beverly Greenleaf, Jack Vincent, Maurice Roberts, Rosemary and Betty Daley, Judy Blair, Joseph Martin, Doris Rathbun and Tommy Connors.

## Camp Fire Party Is Planned 1/17

Eileen Keegan will be crowned Camp Fire queen for having sold the most doughnuts in the recent sale at the Camp Fire doughnut party Saturday evening at 7.30 at the Girls' League. A crown will be placed on her head by Frank A. Woodhead.

The party is for all Camp Fire girls who worked during the sale. Mrs. Ernest H. Baker, doughnut chairman, will assist the queen in distributing prizes to the high salesgirls. Miss Elinor J. Duggan of the Parks and Recreation Department will be in charge of games. Songs will be sung, and a story told.

## State Board Of Recreation To Be Sought 27

### Bill Prepared For Next Session Of Legislature 1/17

A state board of recreation will be suggested at the next session of the state Legislature, as the result of yesterday's meeting of the Western Massachusetts Recreation Association in Greenfield. Jackson J. Perry, Pittsfield supervisor of parks and recreation, and president of the association's board, appointed a committee to take steps necessary to insure prompt action. Fifty members and guests from 15 communities were present. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, accompanied Mr. Perry from Pittsfield.

Included on the committee are: Paul H. Rhode, Dalton; Louis Bush, Greenfield; Miss Ruth E. McIntyre, Extension Service division of the University of Massachusetts; William A. McDonald, Northampton; and Arthur Kenney of Holyoke.

The proposed bill was drawn up with the aid of Stephen Mahoney, director of playgrounds and recreation in Cambridge, and with the counsel of Senator William E. Nolen of Holyoke to whom it will be given for further action.

Mr. Perry described the gains Pittsfield has made in recreation during the past three years and stated that a full-time executive for a year-round program in recreation is needed in every town. Plans also were discussed for the recreational conference to be conducted at the University of Massachusetts next spring.

The association members also favored an amendment to the enabling act to permit communities to appropriate sums for joint use with other communities for promotion of special recreational programs with hired directors. It was pointed out that present laws make such action illegal, but some towns have made the move anyway.

## 15 Door Prizes Given for Winter Sports Night 1/17

Pittsfield merchants and ski development operators have contributed more than 15 door prizes for the annual winter sports night to be held at the Pittsfield High School Dec. 9.

The prizes will go to children at the one-hour program starting at 4 in the afternoon, and to adults and children at the 95-minute program starting at 8 PM. The main attractions will be the latest John Jay films covering the winter Olympic games last year and European winter sports centers.

Bartlett Hendricks, science curator at the Berkshire Museum, is chairman of the arrangements committee. Other members are Mrs. Francis E. Viner, mother of Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield's youthful skating star; Verne Goodwin, Pittsfield High ski ace; Walter L. Goerlach, Miss Anne J. Rosenthal, Miss Sarah Jane Dehert, Hobart W. Tower, Miss Nancy Sweatland, Miss Anna M. Walsh, Paul Bousquet and David R. Powell. Francis E. Douglas, chairman of the city winter sports committee, is an ex-officio member.

Tickets may be obtained from the committee members and from the Park Department, the Chamber of Commerce information booth on South Street, England Brothers, the Besse-Clarke Store and the Open Book.



## Blue Barron Tickets On Sale Tomorrow 11/8

Tickets will go on sale tomorrow for the dance Friday, Dec. 3, when Blue Barron's orchestra will play at the Armory on Summer Street. Sponsored by the city-wide dance committee and the Parks and Recreation Department, it will be the first name band to appear here in two years. A saving of 25 cents will be made on the tickets bought during the advance sale.

Tickets are on sale at: England Brothers, Al's Variety Store, Sammy Vincent's, K. O. Davis Music Shop, Gold Shop, Wood Brothers, Massery's Variety Store, Rosenfeld's, Nesbit's Gas Station and Giftos' Variety Store.

## Ski Club Invited To Square Dance 11/12

The Mount Greylock Ski Club members have been invited to be guests of the city-wide square dance committee at its special Thanksgiving night square-dance jamboree in the Armory on Summer Street. It will be the third group invited to these dances. The Methodist Married Couples was the first, and Saturday the 20th, the Married Couples group of St. Stephen's Church will be guests.

The sixth regular Saturday night square dance in the Armory will be tomorrow night from 8 to 11.45. The dances have attracted an average of 300 persons. Orville (Pop) Smith and his Winsted, Conn., band provide the music.

## Miss McGee, Perry Given NEAAA Posts

### Named Chairmen Of Women's, Men's Basketball Groups 11/12

Miss Dorothy B. McGee, former supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, and Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, have been appointed chairmen of the women's and men's basketball committees of the New England Amateur Athletic Association. The appointments were made by Tam Sheehan, president of the NEAAA.

Both will organize committees in New England states to insure a wide representation in the sectional competitions. Last year the first New England AAA basketball tournament for women ever held in Pittsfield sent the local Professional Drug team to St. Joseph's Mo., for the national competitions. The New England tournament may be held in Pittsfield again this season.

Miss McGee was a part-time employee of the Parks and Recreation Department in 1945 when she handled the revived business girls' basketball league. That led to the Western Massachusetts AAU tourney being held in Pittsfield in 1946 and 1947 with Haydenville running the event earlier this year. The site for this season's tournament has not been set yet.

The Eastern States Tournament held last year in Pittsfield in cooperation with the Boys' Club, National Guard and Park Department, will be held here again this year, with the possibility that the winner will be sent to the national tournament in Denver, Col., with all expenses paid.

## Aces Refuse To Play Lions If Radio Broadcasts Game

### Pittsfield Team's Manager Says Players Will Not Compete Here Thanksgiving Day if Contest Is Aired 11/15

Unless the citizens' committee rescinds permission for WBRK to broadcast the Thanksgiving Day football game between the Tyler Aces and the Lee Lions, the Aces will not play, Manager Joe Borletto of the Pittsfield semipro team said this morning.

Borletto disclosed today that the squad voted "overwhelmingly" after yesterday's contest with the Bennington (Vt.) Shamrocks to refuse to compete if the committee persists in allowing a broadcast.

Permission for a play-by-play account of the game was voted by the committee 6-3 Friday afternoon after a heated discussion at a luncheon meeting at the White Tree Inn.

Borletto explained that the players feel that a broadcast would curtail attendance. They are vitally concerned in this matter, he continued, because they will receive 80 per cent of the net receipts.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, is chairman of the committee. He told The Eagle by telephone this noon from Montpelier, Vt., where he is attending the annual Vermont recreation conference, that he will call the full committee for a meeting tomorrow noon. Borletto said he had planned to notify Perry today.

Perry said, "It's entirely up to the committee. I'm sure they will do whatever they think best."

#### Committee Members

Other members of the committee are Arthur S. Fox, coach of Pittsfield High School, Harold E. Hennessey, vice-principal and former faculty manager of athletics at Pittsfield High School, William A. Knoblock, Francis Douglas, Lawrence Bossidy, Dan Healy and Joseph Sammon, both of WBRK, John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department and assistant coach of the Aces, Borletto, John M. Flynn, sports editor of The Eagle, and Roger O'Gara of The Eagle and WBEU. Borletto, Massimiano and O'Gara voted against the proposal. Healy, Sammon and Perry didn't vote.

Borletto also revealed that Frank Consolati, manager of the Lee team, joined him in opposing the broadcast. He said Consolati told him he would "go along with the Aces" in their stand. Therefore, Borletto observed, if the committee does not change its stand, it will be faced with the necessity of booking two teams for the holiday contest.

The citizens' committee early this fall invited the Aces to be

Pittsfield's representative in the contest. Before the bid was extended, the committee voted that 20 per cent of the net receipts should go to the World War II memorial sports coliseum fund. The Aces accepted under that provision.

The Aces were the city's representative in a 1947 Thanksgiving Day game, which raised \$200 for the coliseum fund under an arrangement similar to the one which was drawn up for this year's contest.

## Regrets Abuse 11/16

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

As acting chairman of the committee of sport enthusiasts who have been kind enough during the past two years to assist the city's Department of Recreation and Parks in staging the annual Thanksgiving Day football game for the benefit of the building fund of an indoor sports coliseum, I want to thank WBRK for its action in relinquishing its request to broadcast the game.

The majority of the committee regrets that the members of the two teams invited this year feel that they cannot stand the small decrease in revenue that might have resulted if the contest had been put on the air. This would have allowed a large number of shut-ins to enjoy the contest as well as those more fortunate. It also would have brought to the attention of many more fans, the need for a community-owned indoor sports facility.

I regret that individuals serving as members of this committee have been subjected to undue criticism and abuse. It is only through the assistance of committees like this one, that our Park department has been able to do the job that it has accomplished, and been able to provide so many recreational opportunities to the people of Pittsfield.

JACKSON J. PERRY.

Pittsfield.

## Agree on \$15,000 As Price to City For Park Lights 11/16

Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission, appeared at a meeting of the directors of the Pittsfield Professional Baseball Corporation in the office of Paul A. Tamburello, president, last night to discuss the suggested sale of the lights at Wahconah Park to the city. Previously it had been proposed that the city give the baseball club free rental of Wahconah Park for a certain number of years to pay for the arcs but it was learned that such an agreement would not be legal, since it extended over one year.

A figure of \$15,000 has been agreed upon as the price for the lights, and the transfer will be made if an appropriation can be secured from the City Council.

The baseball directors and the Park Commission agree that the lighting system, being located on municipal property, should be owned by the city.

## Big Ski Meet To Be Held In February

### Greylock Is Site For U.S. Junior Downhill, Slalom 11/15

The national downhill and slalom championships for juniors will be held on Mount Greylock's Thunderbolt Trail this winter.

The big meet, which attracts top-flight skiers under 18 years of age from all over the country, was awarded to the Berkshires during the National Ski Association's annual convention in Chicago the past week end.

George F. Maynard of this city, past president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club, secured the sanction date while attending the convention as an official delegate of the Eastern Amateur Ski Association.

The meet will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27. The downhill will be Saturday; the slalom, Sunday. Joe Jones, Middlebury ski coach, will set the slalom course on the Thunderbolt.

The international ski jumping championships will be held on the same dates at Berlin, N.H. Members also elected Roger Langley of Barre, Mass., executive secretary of the national association. Langley has been president for the past 12 years. Sun Valley, Idaho, was named the site of the 1950 convention.

The association claims a membership of 411 clubs and more than 50,000 skiers.

## Boxing Club To Be Formed

### Massimiano Wants Boys To Enroll At Park Offices 11/16

Plans for the formation of a city boxing club were announced today by John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department. He asked that all interested boys enroll at the department's office.

At the same time, Massimiano said that the medals for the 36 boys who participated in the summer boxing exhibitions are at his office. He would like to have the boys call for them. The group includes Mickey Mazza, Pat Welch, Dave Walsh, Tony Carlopoli, Steve Huska, Frankie DeAngelus, Frank Kiley, Dick Silvano, Billy Vincent, Chet Kordana, Pete Marino, Ray Gregory, Malcolm Kane, Pat LeVardi, Sammy Adornetto, Dick Gavin, Gig DeFazio, Dominick Discani, Donald Allard, John Huska, Frank Litano, Joe Borden, Joe Zaccari, Dominick Salvatore, Nick Placido, Tony Stracuzzi, Bert LaPorte, Chuck Mazza, Donald DeWitt, Bernie Carnevale, Peter Hubley, George Demary, Tim Kirchner, Ray Shogry, Mike Arpante and Bobby Powers.



# Court Slate For Northern County Loop

## St. Joseph's Opens At Home With Pittsfield at Adams

Opening contests in the Northern Berkshire County Basketball League will be played on Tuesday Jan. 4, with St. Joseph's High of Pittsfield entertaining Bennington while Coach Art Fox's Pittsfield High quintet will play at Adams. The first series game between Pittsfield and St. Joseph's will be played Jan. 25 and the second Feb. 18, the closing night of the slate. All league games will be played Tuesday and Friday evenings with the Tuesday night tilts scheduled for 7.15 with no Jayvee preliminary games.

Play in the Southern Berkshire League will start Friday, Dec. 10. The Northern Berkshire schedule follows:

- Jan.
- 4 (Tuesday), Pittsfield at Adams; Bennington at St. Joseph's (P); St. Joseph's (NA) at Williamstown; Dalton at Drury.
  - 7 (Friday), Williamstown at Pittsfield; St. Joseph's (P) at Dalton; Adams at St. Joseph's (NA); Drury at Bennington.
  - 11 (Tuesday), Pittsfield at Bennington; Adams at St. Joseph's (P); St. Joseph's (NA) at Dalton; Williamstown at Drury.
  - 14 (Friday), Dalton at Pittsfield; St. Joseph's (P) at Williamstown; Bennington at St. Joseph's (NA); Drury at Adams.
  - 18 (Tuesday), St. Joseph's (NA) at Pittsfield; Williamstown at Dalton; St. Joseph's (P) at Drury; Adams at Bennington.
  - 21 (Friday), Pittsfield at Drury; St. Joseph's (NA) at St. Joseph's (P); Dalton at Adams; Bennington at Williamstown.
  - 25 (Tuesday), Pittsfield at St. Joseph's (P); St. Joseph's (NA) at Drury; Dalton at Bennington; Williamstown at Adams.
  - 28 (Friday), Adams at Pittsfield; St. Joseph's (P) at Bennington; Williamstown at St. Joseph's (NA); Drury at Dalton.
- Feb.
- 1 (Tuesday), Pittsfield at Williamstown; Dalton at St. Joseph's (P); St. Joseph's (NA) at Adams; Bennington at Drury.
  - 4 (Friday), Bennington at Pittsfield; St. Joseph's (P) at Adams; Dalton at St. Joseph's (NA); Drury at Williamstown.
  - 8 (Tuesday), Pittsfield at Dalton; Williamstown at St. Joseph's (P); St. Joseph's (NA) at Bennington; Adams at Drury.
  - 11 (Friday), Pittsfield at St. Joseph's (NA); Dalton at Williamstown; Drury at St. Joseph's (P); Bennington at Adams.
  - 15 (Tuesday), Drury at Pittsfield; St. Joseph's (P) at St. Joseph's (NA); Adams at Dalton; Williamstown at Bennington.
  - 18 (Friday), St. Joseph's (P) at Pittsfield; Drury at St. Joseph's (NA); Bennington at Dalton; Adams at Williamstown.

## Teen-agers Open Election Drive Friday Night 11/18

Four teen-age nominees for president of the Junior Country Club will give campaign speeches or provide some type of entertainment at tomorrow night's dance in Spring-side House from 8.30 to 9.30. The nominees, who were chosen at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Parks and Recreation Department's office, are: Edna Becktell, Richard Maynor, Albert Caropreso and Winthrop Benson.

The junior high school youths also nominated the following for offices: Marsha Roberts, Frances Berry, JoAnn Goddard and Edward Delleksi, vice-president; Eunice O'Brien, Joan Aptacy, and Richard Cultrero, secretary; and Betty Bonquist, George Benson, Danny Barden and Jerry Ramsey, treasurer.

The committee also plans to sell membership cards at 25c each beginning next week to help build up the treasury.

## Letters

### Biting the Hand . . . 11/18

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

When the head becomes too large for the wearer's hat, it is time that deflation set in. That is exactly what should happen to the management of the Tyler Aces.

The Tyler Aces are losing the respect and backing of many of their friends, who previously had regarded them as a fine organization, and one that had the interest of the community at heart. But when they choose to bite the hand that feeds them and choke off the voice that has been their friend, they should starve.

In groping for a few more dollars, the management of the Tyler Aces has endangered their entire setup for which they worked so hard throughout the years. Greed has torn down more powerful organizations than the Aces ever dreamed of having. It can happen here.

Any fans who had made up their mind to go to the game would let no broadcast change their course. For example, even though the St. Joe-Pittsfield game was aired, there was a capacity crowd.

I had planned to see the Thanksgiving Day game but now I shall not give the Aces' management the satisfaction of collecting 80 per cent of any dollar of mine. I probably am not alone in this.

If the Sports Coliseum Committee will have a separate collection outside the park gates, I will gladly contribute that dollar to it, and ignore the game completely, because we do need a sports facility.

The Aces have provided the city with good football, but it looks as if they shall have to go a long way before they ever regain the prestige they have been losing ever since the middle of this season because of petty arguments over a few dollars one way or another. This city got along all right without a semi-pro team, and we can certainly become accustomed to that once again if having one means splitting up the community in this way over a team we do not have to take.

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Pittsfield.

## Holiday Tree Goes Up in Park Square 11/18

The big Christmas tree that's a fixture in Park Square every holiday season went up yesterday, a week earlier than usual. But the Chamber of Commerce doesn't want people to think they're rushing things.

The Chamber decided to put up the tree now to take advantage of the clement weather. Last year there was a sleet storm just before the tree went up and the workers had to struggle with ice-coated wires as well as the hard-frozen ground.

The tree will not be lighted until Nov. 24, the night before Thanksgiving, according to present plans. By that time the four smaller trees and the arches will be lighted too.

The big tree was secured at Balance Rock by James H. Lucas, the Chamber's executive secretary; W. Wendell Budrow of the merchant's committee; and several Park Department workers.

Arrangements have been completed for Christmas music from the Berkshire Athenaeum the last 10 days before Christmas.

Mr. Lucas added that the merchants' committee has requested the Park Commission to plant a big blue spruce in the center of the square, so that a new one doesn't have to be installed every year.

## Supports Aces

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:— 11/18

In regard to the letter signed by members of the Tyler Aces football team and printed Nov. 17, I agree with their argument to the fullest extent.

Also, why should anyone who sincerely believes that Pittsfield needs a coliseum not want to see the greatest possible contribution made? The larger the attendance at the Thanksgiving Day game, the larger the coliseum receipts will be. What the coliseum committee expects to gain from a broadcast must be somewhere in the fourth dimension. The people that I come in contact with don't seem to know.

I do not believe that the Tyler Aces have been misled by their manager. I know he has always worked for the bettering of sports in Pittsfield.

L. E. GRANT.

57 Kellogg Street,  
Pittsfield.

## Hockey School 11/18

The Parks and Recreation Department announced today that Berkshire County amateur hockey players and coaches have been invited to attend a school Sunday morning and afternoons at the Boston Arena. The New England Amateur Hockey Association is sponsoring the program.

Herb Gallagher, professor and hockey coach at Northeastern University and a National Hockey League official, will be in charge.

## Park Board Recommends Buying Lights

### Would Use Funds Earmarked for 11/23 Park Grandstand

City acquisition of the Pittsfield Electric's Wahconah Park floodlights was formally recommended by the Park Commission at a meeting in City Hall Annex last night.

The commission authorized its chairman, Monroe B. England, to ask Mayor Capeless today for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purpose. Paul A. Tamburello, president of the Electric's, has informally agreed to sell the lights for this amount.

The commission also authorized Mr. England to suggest taking the \$15,000 from the Wahconah Park Grandstand Commission fund, which was set up two years ago but has not yet been used because bids for the proposed grandstand ran far in excess of the appropriation. This fund amounts to approximately \$74,000 and is still credited to the Grandstand Commission.

Following the meeting, Mr. England announced that the Park Commission and representatives of the Electric's will meet tonight with the Grandstand Commission to explore the possibility of using part of the grandstand fund for other improvements at Wahconah Park. This was first recommended by the Park Commission in September, but it has not yet been determined whether it can be carried out without overstepping the terms of the Grandstand Commission's appropriation.

# Sunshine Club Lists Plans To Aid Shut-Ins

## Bobby Kidney Group To Sponsor Paper, Other Activities 11/17

Five activities, in addition to registration, are planned for Pittsfield shut-ins by the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, which held its organizational meeting last night in City Hall. The projects include a mimeographed paper, distribution of flowers, sale of handcraft, birthday date list and movies.

Anyone knowing about a shut-in is asked to notify Mrs. William W. Monks of 152 Cheshire Road, or the Parks and Recreation Department. Information should include: Name, address, telephone number, age, date of birthday, hobby, interests and limitations, which will be kept in an index.

The committee plans to have the shut-ins help run the paper and catalogue birthdays. The first edition for about 150 people is planned for Christmas under the co-chairmanship of Edward M. Flynn and Harry J. MacDonald, who welcome any aid promising shut-in writers may offer. Aid from others will be appreciated for listing birthdays, sending out greeting cards and keeping the radio stations and newspapers informed.

Mrs. Donald G. MacDonald will make arrangements for getting plants and flower slips to the shut-ins. No expenditures are planned for the present because it is believed florists and private individuals will enjoy contributing flowers.

Mrs. Madeline K. Maynard, Mrs. Monks and Mrs. MacDonald will ask the winter sports committee for permission to have a table for the sale of handcraft articles, made by shut-ins, during the committee's annual sports sale, Dec. 11, in the Mercury Laundry building on First Street.

No chairmen have been appointed yet for the project which will bring movies to the shut-ins. A committee also will be formed soon to handle radio and newspaper work.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 30 in the Parks and Recreation Department's office, with the same representatives invited again, in addition to some from the playground neighborhood council and others interested in the work. Anyone interested may contact the committee members or attend the next meeting. Besides the Bobby Kidney committee members, the following were present: Mrs. Maynard, Stuart C. Henry, and Frank W. Wiener. The other invited representatives sent letters saying they would be unable to attend.

## Business Girls 11/18 Open Hoop Season

The Professional Drug and the Merrilites scored victories in the opening games of the Business Girls' Basketball League Tuesday night in the YMCA under the co-sponsorship of the Y and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Druggists beat the Basket-eers 40 to 17 with the aid of 18 points from Margaret Kirby, while Virginia Ditmar got six points for the Basketeers. The Merrilites racked up 38 points, aided by Lois Brown's 21 counters to take the Star Shooters. Mary Wilson was high for the losers, getting 12 of her team's 18 points. Games are played every Tuesday night beginning at 8. Officials are Leah Deck and Patricia Fehily.



## Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club Will Be Organized Tonight

About 12 representatives from almost as many organizations are expected to attend the opening meeting of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club tonight at 7.45 in the City Council chamber, chairman Robert C. Stafford said today. The representatives from organizations interested in providing recreation and entertainment for shut-ins, will discuss plans for spending about \$1100 left over from funds collected in the drive to get Bobby Kidney a television set.

The representatives will be asked what plans their groups have or hope to have for the entertainment of shut-ins. Mr. Stafford stressed the fact that the club will be based on recreation and entertainment and in no way will deal with psychology.

The invited people and their organizations follow: Dr. Modestino J. Criscitiello, Berkshire Medical Society; Rev. Christian B. Jensen, Pittsfield Council of Churches; John Wendell Butler, Council of Social Agencies; Edward J. Russell, School Department; Robert G. Newman, Berkshire Athenaeum librarian; Stuart C. Henry, director of the Berkshire Museum; John T. Parsons, manager of Station WBRK; Frank J. Wiener, program director of Station WBEC; Theodore Giddings, city editor of The Eagle; Charles H. Hodecker, commissioner of public welfare; Mrs. Madeline K. Maynard, executive director of the Visiting Nurse Association; and Miss Jean A. Guiltinan, independent.

### Attention Shut-In

The Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club invites you to send it the following information:

Your Name .....  
Address .....  
Age .....  
Birthday .....  
Interests .....

If you are not a shut-in but know of one who you think would be interested in the club's program won't you kindly send in his or her name. Address all communications to the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, Department of Parks and Recreation, 52 School Street.

## Junior Clubbers Elect Maynard 1/2

Richard N. Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt L. Maynard of 1208 North Street, has been chosen president of the Junior Country Club. More than 35 members were present at the balloting yesterday afternoon in the Springside House. Others named were: Edward M. Delusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delusky of 1304 North Street, vice-president; Raffaella M. Cultrera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cultrera of 5 Sunset Street,

## Hibbard Girls' Group Meets Tomorrow

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## General Session

## 10:00 RECREATION ON THE MARCH

Mr. John Conley, Chairman, State Recreation Board,  
Presiding.

Greetings: Mayor Daughly Gould

Governor Ernest W. Gibson

Mr. Waldo R. Hainsworth, National Recreation  
AssociationConference Purpose and Introduction of Consultants and  
Discussion Leaders

Mrs. Theresa S. Brungardt, Vermont Director of Recreation

Introduction of Homer Wadsworth, New School of Social Re-  
search, New York City

## SPECIAL SESSIONS

10:30

12:00 SOCIAL RECREATION — Singing and folk games and  
dancing.Miss Priscilla Rabethge, Recreation Specialist,  
University of New HampshireMiss Jeanne Euler, Physical Education Department  
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Miss Ava Colgan, State Department of Education

Mr. Getty Page, Rutland Junior College

10:30

## HOSPITAL RECREATION

Chairman, Miss Sara Holbrook, Burlington, Vt.

Miss Helen Choate, Recreation Director, Brattleboro Re-  
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 12:00 Miss Myrtle Blake, Springfield Recreation Department  
 Miss Marjorie Walbridge, Arts & Crafts Director Randolph Playground  
 Mrs. Phylliss Gordon, Barre Recreation Department  
 Mrs. Fred Whitney, Director of Recreation, Rutland  
 Mr. Don Cooley, South Royalton, Arts & Crafts Instructor
- 10:30 PLANNING  
 12:00 Chairman, Mr. Louis Morse, Member, State Recreation Board  
 Playground Layouts — Practical Playground Equipment  
 The Playfield — The Community Building  
 Mr. F. Ellwood Allen, Recreation Facilities Planner Bennington, Vt.  
 Mr. Stewart Allen, Allen Associates, New York City
- 10:30 PROBLEMS OF BOARD COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
 Chairman, Waldo R. Hainsworth, National Recreation Association  
 Finances and Budgets: Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Woodstock Board Member  
 Personnel and Program: Mr. Robert Jones, Springfield Board Member  
 Small Community Councils: Mr. Herbert Warren, Fairlee  
 Mrs. R. E. Whalley, Charlotte
- 10:30 DRAMATICS FOR THE COMMUNITY  
 12:00 Chairman, Mr. George A. Smith, Director of Recreation Proctor  
 Mr. Benjamin Bloomfield, Springfield Community Players  
 Miss Rita Pfeifer, St. Michael's Summer Theatre  
 Miss Leora Houghton, Brattleboro Children's Theatre
- 10:30 SAFE SWIMMING PLACES AND PROGRAMS  
 11:15 Chairman, Mr. Howard Jeffrey, Superintendent of Recreation, Brattleboro  
 Health Rules for Safe Waters, Mr. Edward L. Tracy, Sanitary Engineer, State Department of Health  
 Chlorinating Lakes and Streams, Mr. S. H. Newland, Wallace & Tiernan Co., Boston, Mass.  
 Red Cross Programs in Rural Vermont, National Aquatic Schools, Mr. Raymond Amiro, Special Representative, American Red Cross

- 11:15 WINTER SPORTS  
 12 N Chairman, Mr. Vincent Hebert, Superintendent of Recreation, Montpelier  
 Organization of Winter Carnivals, Mr. Jackson Perry, Superintendent of Recreation, Pittsfield, Mass.  
 Skating Rinks—Construction and Operation  
 Skating Programs, Mrs. Getty Page, Skating Instructor, Smith College  
 Skiing, Mrs. Andrew Marshall, Jr., Ford Sayre Ski Memorial, Hanover  
 Ski Tow, Mr. Stephen Doran, Waterbury  
 Snowshoe Hikes, Coasting and Snow Modeling
- 11:15 PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY  
 12:00 Need for Interpretations in the Field of Recreation  
 Chairman, Miss Emma Howe  
 Mr. George Dworshak, Chamber of Commerce, St. Albans  
 Mr. John Hooper, Editor, Brattleboro  
 Mr. Robert Bannon, WSKI Radio Station
- 12:00 LUNCHEON FOR HOSPITAL RECREATION GROUP  
 Chairman, Miss Mary M. Ferry, Superintendent, Heaton Hospital, Montpelier.  
 Speaker: Mr. Benedict F. Fiore, Chief, Special Services, Veterans' Hospital, Northampton, Mass.
- 12:00 LUNCHEON — VERMONT RECREATION SOCIETY  
 Mr. Howard Jeffrey, President, Vermont Recreation Society, presiding.  
 Topic: "Uniting to Achieve Goals of Recreation"  
 Speaker: Mr. Jackson Perry, Supt. of Recreation, Pittsfield, Mass.
- 1:45- ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP  
 3:30 P.M.
- 1:45 GENERAL SESSION  
 SMALL COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, PROBLEMS AND LEADERSHIP  
 Chairman, Miss Julia Root, Superintendent of Recreation, Springfield, Vt.  
 Speaker: Miss Ruth McIntire, Recreation Specialist, University of Massachusetts
- SMALL COMMUNITY RECREATION AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES  
 Church—Rev. Lillian Gregory, Jericho

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#### PROGRAMS AND IDEAS — TRIED AND TRUE

Chairman, Mr. Joseph Brislin, Rutland

3:30 PLANNING — Long Range Plans and Their Realization  
Mr. F. Ellwood Allen, Recreation Facilities Planner

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Cabin Built  
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Volunteer Labor /23

If the Mount Greylock Ski Club keeps expanding its Goodell Hollow headquarters in South Williamstown, it ought to have one of the best equipped ski centers in this area within a few years. In the past few months members have cut two new trails, extended their tow until it is among the longest in the county, and built a big warming cabin at the bottom of the hill.

Ten Sundays of hard labor went into the new cabin. All the work was done by the members; they figure the \$1100 job would have cost them twice that much if done by a contractor.

The cabin will be used for year-round ski club parties as well as regular skiing. It'll get its formal baptism at a housewarming Saturday night.

Big glass windows face the hill, enabling members to check what's going on as they warm their feet before the two wood-burning stoves. The building is constructed of novelty siding and has a solid cement floor.

Ernest M. Smith was foreman on the job, aided by John F. Polito, Sid Anderson, Max Sauter, Vernon A. Goodwin, Willard Bridgman, Jack Addy and a host of other members. The doors were built by Mr. Bridgman at home.

The cabin will be dedicated to the late Edward L. Stepnowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stepnowski of 14 Scammell Avenue,



**SKI CLUBBERS' RENDEZVOUS:** Members of the Mount Greylock Ski Club are putting the finishing touches on their new warming hut at Goodell Hollow, South Williamstown, in preparation for a housewarming Saturday night. The 20 by 50-foot structure was started early in September.

Pittsfield. An active member of the club and a fine skier, Staff Sgt. Stepnowski was killed in action while serving with the ski troops in Italy, Feb. 23, 1945.

Next year, the members plan to paint the building a bright red with white trim. In addition, they hope to build a kitchen and sun deck, cut two more trails, and complete a 25-meter ski jump.

## Budget of \$1,514,862 Submitted for Schools

Increase of \$175,000 Over This Year  
To Be Partially Met by Boost in Funds  
From State, Supt. Russell Reports //23

A tentative 1949 School Department budget of \$1,514,862—largest in the city's history—has been submitted to the School Committee by Superintendent Edward J. Russell.

This figure represents an increase of approximately \$175,000 over the department's 1948 budget of \$1,339,353. On the basis of the city's present assessed valuation of \$66,224,000, it would add about \$2.64 to next year's tax rate.

Following the meeting, however, Mr. Russell said that the tax rate boost will actually be considerably less than \$2.64 because of an expected increase in educational reimbursements under recent state aid legislation. He estimated that amount next year to be at least \$215,000, as against only about \$50,000 this year.

The proposed budget was presented to a special meeting of the School Committee last night at City Hall, but no action will be taken on it this month. After a brief discussion the committee unanimously agreed to study it in executive session on Dec. 2.

Although he voted for the Dec. 2 session, Ward 4 Committeeman Carpenter said that he would insist on a further discussion of the budget at the committee's public meeting Dec. 9. He pointed out that failure to do this would violate the spirit of the committee's recently adopted bylaw designed to provide the public with maximum information on school board problems.

### Salary Total Up

In submitting his record-breaking budget, Superintendent Russell pointed out that the increase is primarily due to an augmented teaching staff and to the pay boosts granted this fall to virtually all School Department personnel. Estimated salary costs will come to \$1,218,897—about \$122,000 over the 1948 total. The only other substantial increase was for light and fuel, which will cost \$78,300 in 1949 as against \$72,725 last year.

If the proposed budget is adopted it will continue a steady upward trend most apparent since the mid-1930s, when the School Department operated on less than half the requested appropriation. Under Massachusetts law, School Committee budgets cannot be reduced by the mayor or the City Council.

## 10 Races Listed For Pittsfield Speedskaters

Ten meets, and possibly 11, are scheduled for the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club in a release today from the secretary of the Northern New York Skating Association. An early meet for Dec. 19 has been called off so the first one will be Dec. 26 at Glens Falls, with another in Pittsfield Feb. 5 and 6.

Definite word has been received that Alex Goguen, Berkshire Hills champion in 1946 and national five-mile champ, will arrive in Pittsfield the beginning of December to compete with the local skating club.

The club members are selling tickets for a drawing of a ton of coal or its equivalent in oil to support their activities. They hope to become self-sustaining so that the money earned by the winter sports committee can be used for other activities.

The dates of the meets which are all in New York, besides those listed above, follow:

Jan. 1, and 2, Saranac Lake; Jan. 8 and 9, Saratoga Springs; Jan. 15 and 16, Newburgh; Jan. 22, Troy; Jan. 23, Schenectady; Jan. 29, Northville; Jan. 30, Amsterdam; Feb. 12 and 13, Lake Coly; and Feb. 19 and 20, Lake Placid.

## Hibbard School Has Anticipated Survey Point //23

Pittsfield is making progress, according to the record. At least one of the recommendations in the Council of Social Agency survey made this fall has already been accomplished.

The city's first neighborhood center is growing at the Hibbard School. The Lakewood Civic Association was instrumental in promoting this first local after-school project, a familiar system throughout countries like Sweden and in some advanced cities in this country.

In suggesting "maximum use of any school structures on a year-round basis," the survey authors point to the long history of this development. "This is no new idea," they state. "It is a common-sense method."

## Acoustics Improved For Square Dance

A new arrangement of the public address system in the armory on Summer Street will enable local citizens to swing their partner round and round a lot easier at tonight's seventh in a series of square dances held every Saturday night from 8 to 11.45. Workers in the maintenance division of the Department of Parks and Recreation have placed the speakers up in the girders to improve the acoustics.

About 100 more dancers than last week's 250 are needed to make the affair break even. The dances are becoming popular for family groups, as shown by last week when 16 sets of family groups were going at one time. Orville (Pop) Smith and his Old Timers will play again.

## Pet Patrol Organized Here

Pittsfield's Pet Protection Patrol is credited with an assist in locating the missing puppy of a local blind girl, Beverly Mary Grady of 36 Hamlin Street. The patrol, which is a branch of the national organization, looked for the puppy yesterday. The attendant publicity given in the call for volunteer searchers led to the return of the dog.

The nation-wide organization started in Texas and was brought to Pittsfield by Earle A. Jones of 193 Columbus Avenue. A policeman for the Parks and Recreation Department, Mr. Jones says he has signed up more than 190 children in the city playgrounds. They watch for cruelty to pets and also are available for city-wide searches when a pet is lost.

## Mrs. Ruscetta Heads Junior Country Club Advisory Group

Mrs. Ralph A. Ruscetta of Constitution Road has been chosen temporary chairman of the Junior Country Club's Parent Advisory Committee. She was selected at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Parks and Recreation Department office. The committee discussed a Christmas celebration. They decided that youngsters attending the Friday night dances at the Springside House must remain inside the building.

A short discussion also was held on the printing of membership cards. The next meeting will be Dec. 14 at 3 P.M. Others present at yesterday's meeting, under the direction of Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, were: Mrs. Michael P. Barry, Mrs. F. Emmet Dwyer and Mrs. George D. Sherman.



# Aces To Meet Lee Lions in Holiday Game

## Kick-off for Season Finale Tomorrow Will Be at 10.30

County Semipro Rivals in Return Go  
At Wahconah Park—Locals Have Better  
Record, but May Be Battle-Weary

By ROGER O'GARA

Season records will be about as mute as the gobbles of the holiday's main dinner dish in the All-Berkshire Thanksgiving Day football season finale tomorrow morning at Wahconah Park. Concluding the most interesting and successful campaign in the history of the Pittsfield semipro phase of the sport, the Tyler Aces will risk hard-won prestige against the Lee Lions. Kick-off time will be 10.30. Twenty per cent of the net receipts will go to the World War II memorial sports coliseum fund.

### No Law Against Crowing

Although the Aces inserted a clause into the contract to the effect that their Berkshire title would not be at stake, there is no law barring the Lions from crowing about a victory. And reports from sports-conscious Lee state frankly that the Lions are coming to this city for more than the ride and the guarantee.

Lee's isn't disturbed at all by the 7-0 victory which the Aces scored in the first meeting of the teams at Wahconah Park back on Sunday, Oct. 17. That was comparatively early in the Lions' brief career as a semipro unit. Coach John Consolati, his men and practically every self-respecting citizen feel that the Lions have improved greatly since that game.

### Three More Out

On the other hand, from a physical standpoint, at any rate, the Aces have gone downhill. After enjoying miraculous luck through the first two-thirds of a back-breaking season, the Pittsfield team has run into a volume of bodily woe. The latest casualty report, the one which was released shortly after the Aces' 19-0 loss to the Agawam Brownies Sunday, lists three men as definitely on the shelf. They are quarterback Dick Powers, halfback Bob Danis and tackle Milt Senter.

Bill Paris, the Aces' leading ground gainer, won't know until this evening whether he will be able to play. Since being knocked unconscious in the final period of the Agawam game Sunday, he has had recurring headaches. He'll have a medical check-up tonight. If he can't play, his place probably will be taken by Bill Everhart.

On top of that, many of the Pittsfield players still have bruises and pains, which were received in the Agawam contest. Lee isn't bothered that way. For the Lions rested Sunday. At least they didn't have any formal competition. They held a scrimmage in the morning, and then most of them came to Pittsfield to scout the Aces.

The Aces held a brief workout last night at Deming Field. Coach Louis Russo dismissed the boys early as he felt that rest is the most essential thing at this late stage. Both teams will hold light drills tonight.

As before, it will be a battle of T's. Both clubs operate exclusively from that formation.

The Aces have by far the better record. They have won nine, and lost three. But two of the losses have been administered in the last three weeks. The Lee record is only four and four. The Lions have beaten the St. Stanislaus AA, the Holyoke Ramblers, Williams-town, and Canaan, Conn., and have lost to St. Stanislaus, the Aces, the West Springfield Atomies and the Springfield Italian-Americans. Notwithstanding talk of improvement, their last two outings have been defeats—by one touchdown margins from the Atomies and the Italian-Americans.

The Lions made an impressive showing against the Atomies. They lost by a 19-12 score after rallying to wipe out a two-touchdown deficit. The closeness of the game was considered surprising, because

the comparatively small Lee team wasn't figured to be serious opposition to the mammoth Atomies.

### Giarolo Is Question

Coach Consolati reports that his team is in comparatively good condition. The sole question mark is Ottavio Giarolo, the club's triple threat, who suffered another head injury in Sunday's practice scrimmage. Giarolo's running and passing were missed in the first game between the teams. He went out early after being tackled hard by Bill Paris. He was used for punting, but didn't carry the ball.

If Giarolo isn't able to play, his place will be taken by Arnold Scaramuzzi. Scaramuzzi and Butsy Crawford are listed as the possibilities at quarterback, but Scaramuzzi will take over as a full-time halfback in Giarolo's absence.

Another serious blow to the Lee team was the loss of tackle Jimmy Simoni. He suffered broken ribs in the contest against the Italian-Americans.

The Aces had a good edge in the first meeting even though their actual margin of win was narrow. They made 11 first downs against 4, and had a rushing gain of 179 to 48. Air-wise, Lee went 40 yards on two completions out of seven. The Aces hit on only one in seven for 16.

The touchdown was scored by Eddie Paris on the third play of the second quarter. The Aces were on the Lee 8-yard line when the game ended. The closest the Lions came to scoring was the Aces 18-yard line.

The officials: Referee, Joe Woitkoski; umpire, Jim McNeice; head linesman, Shaun Meehan; field judge, Walter Potter.

The probable line-ups: Tyler Aces: Dale Long and Bill Flynn, ends; Al Bianchi and Remo Vergati, tackles; Bill Bunt and Manuel Henriques, guards; Jerry Scutt, center; Jimmy Gaul, quarterback; Ed and Bill Paris or Bill Everhart, halfbacks; Tommy Evans, fullback; Lee Lions: Joe Bartini and Francis LaRocque, ends; Cal Ostrander and Bob DuPont, tackles; Lou Naventi and Jack Martin, guards; Gene Scapine or Moe Eisenberg, center; Butsy Crawford or Arnold Scaramuzzi, quarterback; Vernon Baker and Tav Giarolo or Scaramuzzi, halfbacks; Jim Curley, fullback.

## Thanksgiving Day Program Includes Many Activities

Apart from food, there will be three other F's in Pittsfield's observance of Thanksgiving—faith, football and frolic.

The 34th annual ball of the Pittsfield Permanent Firemen's Benefit Association tonight in Masonic Temple will be the first of three dances in 24 hours. The others will be the Parks and Recreation Department's public square dance at the State Armory and the Senior Scouts' second annual ball at the Stanley Club. Both will be tomorrow night.

The athletic feature for the Central and Southern Berkshire area will be the semipro football season finale between the Tyler Aces of Pittsfield and the Lee Lions tomorrow morning at 10.30 at Wahconah Park.

### Church Services Listed

Many worship services are scheduled. A United Thanksgiving gathering is listed for the First Congregational Church, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church plans a communion service. Both will start at 9.30.

A Thanksgiving Eve service will be held tonight at 7.45 at Morningside Baptist Church, with members of Trinity Methodist and St. Martin's Episcopal Churches participating. Rev. William E. Arnold, pastor of St. Martin's, will preach. The young people of

Morningside Baptist Church will sponsor an annual sunrise service and breakfast tomorrow morning at 7.15. Rev. Phillips B. Henderson of the First Baptist Church will preach.

Rev. Henry B. Dickert, D.D., will preach on "Try Thanksgiving," at the annual service at Zion Lutheran tomorrow morning at 10. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, has planned a special service at 11.

Although downtown and neighborhood grocery stores did heavy business throughout the morning, not every one will eat at home on the holiday. Hotels and inns throughout the section report heavy dinner reservations.

### Infirmiry Menu

Despite soaring food prices, the dinner for 75 residents of the City Infirmiry will be a bargain for taxpayers. Superintendent William A. Knoblock reports that everything except the pickles, cranberry sauce and coffee comes from the institution's farm.

Five turkeys, all grown on the premises, will adorn the infirmiry's table. They range from 18 to 24 pounds. Other items on the menu will be mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, squash, turnips, boiled onions, celery, mincemeat and pumpkin pie.

All industries will be closed.

## Funds May Be Transferred To Provide Park Facilities

The Pittsfield Baseball Corporation may lose its franchise if proper dressing room facilities are not provided for the umpires and players, and toilet accommodations for the fans, at Wahconah Park. The announcement was made by Paul A. Tamburello, president of the club, at a joint meeting last night of the baseball officials, grandstand commission and Park Commission, in the Park Department office.

Mr. Tamburello said he received a telegram yesterday from Albert E. Houghton, president of the Canadian-American League, reminding him that such facilities were supposed to be ready last July 1. According to a regulation passed at a convention of the National Association of Baseball Leagues last year in Miami, Fla., league presidents are empowered to suspend the franchise of any club not complying with requirements, including dressing and toilet facilities.

Mr. Houghton must report to George E. Trautman, president of the national association, at the

convention in Minneapolis, Minn., within a few weeks. Mr. Tamburello explained that the problem of inadequate facilities was postponed last year because it was expected that a new grandstand would be built at Wahconah Park, with equipment included. Inflated cost of building materials canceled the plan.

Although the \$73,000 allocated to the grandstand commission for its work can not be used for other than that purpose, Mr. Tamburello suggested that the funds could be transferred to the Park Department and specifically earmarked for such use. It is expected that the baseball officials and the Park Commission will write separate letters to the grandstand commission suggesting such action. The grandstand commission, in turn, will incorporate those suggestions in a letter to the City Council asking for a transfer of funds to meet the cost of supplying the needed facilities in line with national baseball regulations.



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## Bulletin Board For Snow Data To Be Built

Pittsfield is pretty certain to have a ski information bulletin board this winter, but where it will be located is another question entirely.

Ten skiing enthusiasts met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce to talk about erecting a large bulletin board in the city that would indicate local snow conditions to incoming travelers. They decided to go ahead with construction of the board and reach a final decision on its location later.

James H. Lucas, executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, called the group together to solve the annual problem of getting out ski information to visitors during week ends, when agencies and businesses are closed. Most of the representatives felt that a combination of a large bulletin board and a news-dispensing center would solve the problem.

Serious consideration is being given a suggestion made by John E. Donegan, general manager of the Hotel Sheraton, that the ski information service be established at the hotel desk. Mr. Donegan also indicated that he would look with favor upon placing a bulletin board on the front of the hotel marquee, if it isn't too large.

Clarence J. Bousquet, owner of the Tamarack Road resort, revealed that the Berkshire County ski tow operators are planning to establish snow information services at service stations along five main roads leading into the county.

## To Organize Jr. Boxing Club

The first organization meeting of the Pittsfield Junior Boxing Club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4.30 at the Department of Parks and Recreation offices, 52 School Street. John A. Massimiano will be in charge of the meeting. Boys interested in joining the club, regardless of whether they have boxed in previous shows, are asked to attend the meeting. The club will function at the Hibbard Community Center Saturday mornings. Plans will be made for an indoor show in February. Formerly the Department of Parks and Recreation has conducted three successful outdoor boxing shows.

**Betty Clarke  
To Sing Here  
At Barron Event**



Miss Betty Clarke

Miss Betty Clarke will be the featured vocalist when Blue Barron's Orchestra plays in the Armory, Friday night. The affair is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department's city-wide dance committee which reports the advance sale of tickets has been going well in local stores and at the Chamber of Commerce Information booth on South Street, and the Park Department office. A saving of 25 cents is made on advance purchases.

If the dance is a financial success, the committee plans to bring another name band during the winter sports season. Promoters who brought Johnny Long's band to North Adams recently said that more than half the crowd of 800 who attended were from Pittsfield. A similar crowd at the Pittsfield dance will make the affair a success.

Both radio stations are co-operating to publicize the dance by playing Blue Barron records. On Station WBEC, Mac McGarry's program goes every Monday through Friday afternoon from 4 to 5.30. Over Station WBRK Ted Holmes has the "Sleepy Time Express" Monday through Friday nights at 11.15, and the 1340 Club the same days in the morning from 9.45 to 10.30.

## Tyler Aces Get \$1187

**Coliseum Fund  
Receives \$296 From  
Holiday Contest**

The Tyler Aces will split \$1187.61 from the Thanksgiving Day football game with the Lee Lions, and the World War II memorial sports coliseum fund will receive \$296.90.

This was disclosed last night at a meeting of the sponsoring committee in the Parks and Recreation Department office.

Total receipts were announced as \$2493.80, from 2754 paid admissions. The breakdown was 2233 adults and 521 students.

Expenses were \$1009.29. The big items were \$450 for the Lee team and \$421.29 in taxes.

Last year the Aces received \$1013.06 from the coliseum fund game with Bennington. The sum of \$200 was turned over to the fund from the gate receipts and about \$50 from the official program. The fund will get about \$25 from the program this year.

## More Than 400 To Hear Blue Barron Tonight

More than 200 tickets have been sold for tonight's appearance of Blue Barron's orchestra in the Armory on Summer Street. It was announced today by the city-wide committee sponsoring the dance in co-operation with the Parks and Recreation Department. The tickets are for couples, so 400 should be present from the advance sale of tickets alone. Many more are expected to buy tickets at the door. The dance, which will be informal, is from 9 to 1, with the doors opening at 8. Two other name bands will be brought in later if this affair is a success.

A two-tiered stand has been built for the orchestra, and a blue three-sided backdrop decorated with white paper snowflakes. The stand is flanked with evergreen trees. A large American flag is displayed behind the stand and bunting is hung from the ceiling. Miss Phyllis Riehl, artist for the Eaton Paper Corporation, and John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, are in charge of decorations.

## Sunshine Club Mails Out Member Cards

Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club membership cards are being mailed out to Pittsfield shut-ins as the result of a meeting earlier this week when the club's committee approved the cards. Printed on wallet-size cardboard, an orange-tinted sun is displayed on an old ivory background. A superimposed message explains that the card entitles the bearer to membership in the club which is organized for the purpose of radiating happiness to shut-ins.

The club's motto, also on the cards, is "A Ray—A Day." Double postal cards, with the Parks and Recreation Department as the return address, are mailed to prospective members with a section on personal data for the club's files. Anyone knowing a shut-in is asked to submit the name to Mrs. William W. Monks of 152 Cheshire Road.

Shut-ins who have articles they have made and wish to sell may submit them to the Parks and Recreation Department office. A special table has been reserved for such articles during the sale of winter sports equipment to be held Dec. 11 through 19 in the building occupied by the Mercury Laundry on First Street. The first issue of the club paper is expected around Christmas time. A blank will be included so that members may suggest names for the paper.

Birthdays of shut-ins are remembered over Station WBEC's Sunny Side of the Street program, from 7 to 7.30 every Monday through Saturday morning in another project.

## Hockey Leagues Meeting Tomorrow

John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that the second organizational meeting of the Senior, Junior and Midget City Hockey Leagues, will be held tomorrow at 3 at the department offices, 52 School Street.

The Senior League will be open to all boys 18 years of age and over; the Junior League will be for youngsters 15 to 18, and the Midget to boys 14 years of age and under. Last year the department sponsored leagues only in the Senior and Junior divisions. The Midget League will be a new addition. Plans will be made to bring in some prominent hockey figures to conduct a school in hockey for all leagues.

The meeting schedule follows: Midgets at 5.45 PM, Juniors at 6.45 PM, Seniors at 7.30 PM.

## City Ownership Of Lyons Beach Sought

**Petition Being  
Circulated by  
Lake Residents**

A special City Council committee established last week to investigate complaints that the Lakeview Restaurant of 1653 North Street is filling in the so-called Lyon's Beach area on Pontoosuc Lake disclosed this morning that it will not recommend any Council action in the controversy.

At the same time, Mrs. Herbert F. Smith of 90 Westchester Avenue announced that a petition is being circulated in the Pontoosuc Lake area asking the city to take over the property and establish it as a public beach.

These developments followed a meeting of the special Council committee with some 20 indignant North End residents at Mrs. Smith's home last night. The session was called to crystallize opposition to the plans of Gus Zotos, Lakeview Restaurant proprietor, who owns the Lyon's Beach area and wants to establish a parking lot and soft drink stand there.

### Lake Explains Decision

In announcing the Council committee's hands-off decision, Harvey E. Lake, chairman of the special committee, said that it is a problem for state authority or for individual citizens whose property may be affected. He said City Solicitor Francis J. Quirico has told the committee that the Council has no jurisdiction because no city property is involved.

Mrs. Smith, who has been a leader in organizing North End opposition to Mr. Zotos' project, said that the Pontoosuc residents' petition is being circulated and will be ready for the Council's next meeting Dec. 14. She disclosed that the petition will ask for city acquisition of the beach either by eminent domain or outright purchase.

The issue was first brought to the Council's attention last week by Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, Council member-at-large. At her suggestion, Council President McDonald named Councilmen Lake, Dillon, and Brown to a three-man investigating committee.

The Lakeview's attorney, Maurice Rosenfield, subsequently pointed out that, as owner of the property, Mr. Zotos has full title right to the high water mark. He also said that it has never actually been a public beach, although Mr. Zotos has allowed the public to use it.

Still another complicating factor in the controversy may be the attitude of the Wyandotte Worsted Company, which holds all water rights at Pontoosuc Lake. Cabot W. Penney, company superintendent, disclosed this morning that the woolen mill is conducting its own investigation of the Lakeview project.

Mr. Penney said that the company has stopped persons from filling in waterfront in the past and may have to in this case, although it has not yet been established whether Mr. Zotos' operations will extend below the high water mark, which has never been properly defined. He emphasized that the company's interest in the matter has nothing to do with the bathing beach except as filling it in might infringe on water rights.



# Pittsfield Youngsters Flock to Springside Dances

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Members of the Junior Country Club relax at the snack bar between numbers during a Friday night dance at the Springside House on North Street. Supervised by workers of the Parks and Recreation Department, the youngsters run their bar, collect tickets and play the phonograph for dancing, all under a constitution enforced by officers they elected themselves.

## Sessions May Be Held Two Nights Instead of One

Dances twice a week may be held soon for the junior high school age youngsters who are flocking to the Springside House on North Street.

"Since starting this season's regular Friday night dances a month ago, we have doubled attendance with a near-capacity crowd of 120 on hand last week," Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department pointed out. "We may solve that by having two dances a week with different age groups at each session."

## Age May Be Raised

The Junior Country Club, as it's called, is for children from Grades 7 through 9, or any others in those age groups. "Most members are in Grade 8," Miss Duggan explained, "and they are thinking of raising the maximum age from 15 to 16."

By they, she means just that. "As far as possible the club members run the program by taking tickets, tending the snack bar or game room and running the phonograph. A constitution has been set up and they have officers to handle club affairs." Dick Maynard is president; Eddie Delusky, vice-president, Raffaella Cultrera, secretary, and Don Borden, treasurer. Arrangements are being made to form an adult advisory council to solve the really knotty problems.

"There is scarcely any trouble at all in handling the affairs," Miss Duggan said proudly. "Allen Jacobs, a special policeman, is on hand from the Park Department, and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Potter, who live in part of the club, keep the place clean."

Financially, the club is doing well. "In our treasury we have \$23.50, one case of coke—and no bills," Miss Duggan grinned. Admission is nine cents, and membership cards, 25 cents. Cokes (they consumed 10 cases last week) candy bars and potato chips sell for the usual five cents at the snack bar, and what little is made on these ventures goes into the treasury.

"Later on when the kitty is bigger, it will be used for a free party, sleigh ride or skating social," Miss Duggan said hopefully. The fund may get a boost soon because five of the girls will sell programs at the Tyler Aces-Lee Lions football game tomorrow morning at 10.30 at Wahconah Park. A share of the sales will be turned over to their club by the Aces in return for their work.

"We never have a plain dance," she explained with a laugh. "You wouldn't be able to get them out on the dance floor that way. By organizing Paul Jones and other circle-dance numbers we break them down eventually. The most effective way is to go to the sidelines and teach the non-dancers how to move around—they learn easily."

"Next Friday we will start a dancing class from 6 to 7, with only beginners allowed. The others may take part in the regular dance from 7 until closing time at 9.30."

Besides learning how to dance, the youngsters will pick up the social amenities which seem to confuse them no end. Take the boy who asked: "Miss Duggan, what does a fellow do when he finishes dancing with a girl and brings her back to her chair and it ain't there? Does he just leave her there, get another chair, or does he have to stay with her the rest of the night?"

## Final Plans Laid For Winter Sport Program Dec. 9

Thirty members of the Pittsfield winter sports committee were briefed on plans for winter sports night, the third annual winter sports sale, and skiing and skating activities, at a meeting last night at the Park Department offices.

Bartlett Hendricks reported on final plans for the showing of the John Jay films at the Pittsfield High School on winter sports night, Dec. 9; and members discussed the third winter sports sale to be held from Dec. 11 to 18 at the former Molleur Garage on First Street. It was decided to permit the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club to display articles made by shut-ins.

Raymond I. Gowdy, president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club, offered the club's help in any of the events planned for the winter carnival season, and invited committee chairman Francis E. Douglas to describe the program at the next meeting of the ski club, Dec. 15.

Queens' committee chairmen Rose M. Stomski and Russell D. Bousquet announced that prospective candidates for the annual queens' contest are already lined up and ready to go.

The committee went on record with a recommendation to the Park Department that a skating rink be put up in the Coltsville area next month.

George F. (Doc) Maynard summarized his trip to Chicago to obtain the National Ski Association's sanction for the national junior downhill and slalom championships on Mount Greylock, Feb. 26 and 27, and reported that convention delegates were impressed with Pittsfield's growing prominence in the winter sports field.

Mrs. Francis E. Viner, an adviser to the Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club, was promised the committee's co-operation in arranging transportation for the contestants to the out-of-town meets. A special subcommittee will be formed for this purpose.

The next meeting will be Dec. 6 at 7.45 PM at the Park Department offices.



## Local Skaters Will Start At Saratoga

### Pittsfield Club Will Have 29 Entries In Most Meets

Rained out of its scheduled week-end meet at Saranac Lake, N.Y., the Pittsfield Parks Speed-skating Club now is pointing for a meet at Saratoga, N.Y., a week from tomorrow, Sunday, Jan. 9.

Pittsfield this season will be twice as strong as it was a year ago, numerically. It has 29 regular contestants. Only 14 wore the local colors at Saranac Lake a year ago, when Pittsfield won the title.

The Saranac Lake meet was canceled yesterday morning. It was listed as a two day event. It can't be re-scheduled, because meets are slated for every week end from here through February.

Two of the three Pittsfield divisional champions of 1948 will compete, but both will be in different classes. Nancy Ann Viner, North American and national midget girls' titlist, has moved up to the juvenile class, and Victor Bonneau, who won the Saranac boys' juvenile crown, has jumped to the junior class.

Joan Grover, Northern New York juvenile girls' winner, won't skate this season. She is bothered by a hip injury, and has been advised to stay out of competition.

Barbara Mooney, a Schenectady girl, will represent Pittsfield in the senior class. Rated the outstanding skater in the Adirondack district, Miss Mooney asked permission to join the local club because the newly formed Schenectady group is for men only. Patricia Fitzpatrick, a consistent point winner last season, also will race for Pittsfield in this class.

Pittsfield will have substantial representation in the junior girls' class. Nancy Ann Viner is rated as top threat. Other entries are Angie Del Signore, who won several honors in the class a year ago, Janice Gregory, Doris Shantz and Marcia Goerlach.

Bette Jane Goerlach, 1948 Silver Skates champion, will head the midget girls' class. Eleanor Wesley, who won the city special midget title last winter, also will compete.

Alex Goguen, former nationally known star from Fitchburg, will give Pittsfield an entry in the senior men's class. A year ago, it didn't have any representative in this division. Goguen now lives here. He is employed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Other Pittsfield entries will be as follows: Intermediate boys, Bart Reeves, Gene Vidoli, Richard Conway and Arthur Longsjo; junior boys, Joseph Satrape, Robert Hogue, John Dinn and Norman Lawson; juvenile boys, James Williamson, the only Negro skater in the Adirondack district, Jerry Parker, and John Cantarella; midget boys, Robert Dunn, Richard Simard, Donald Terpak, Joe Basiliere, Buddy Hogue and David Viner, brother of Nancy Ann.

## Winter Sports Equipment Needed for Sale

More equipment is being sought for the winter sports sale which starts tomorrow morning at 10 at the corner of First and Federal Streets in the building formerly occupied by the Molleur Brothers garage. A check on items shows a fair supply of figure and racing skates, mostly in larger sizes, and some sleds and ski equipment. Equipment may be delivered tonight at the sales center from 7 to 10.

Cochairmen Robert W. Tower and Miles Bartlett urged that items be brought in early because the sale will last only eight days this year. Donors may state what they hope to get for their equipment, and the winter sports committee will take a 20 per cent commission. Profits will help defray expenses of the winter carnival, including the national junior downhill and slalom championships in February.

Helping out at the opening session from 10 to 5:30 will be John P. Leahy, Francis E. Douglas, William A. Knoblock, Mrs. Raymond I. Gowdy and Miss Anna M. Walsh. Next week the sale will be daily from noon until 7 PM, in charge of Mrs. Harry H. Tower and members of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, Mrs. William W. Monks and Mrs. Arthur J. Barriere. No commission will be charged on articles made by the shut-ins.

## Swimming Loop Is Organized In the County

Four teams yesterday afternoon entered the Berkshire County Swimming League. They are the Pittsfield Boys' Club, the Pittsfield YMCA, the Dalton Boys' Club and the North Adams YMCA.

The league will start a home and home schedule Saturday, Jan. 15. After the regular season is completed with each club having six dual meets, open competition will be held at the Dalton Community House pool Saturday, Feb. 26 to determine individual championships.

Paul Rhode of the Dalton Community House has been elected president. Ed Battey of the North Adams YMCA and Ed Mongeon of Pittsfield have been chosen vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

## Figure Skaters Need Only Ice Now

As soon as the city water supply goes higher and the temperature drops lower, the figure skaters will be cutting eights and lesser numerals.

They so decided last night at a meeting at the Parks Recreation Department office. Ten of them banded together under the formal cloak of the Pittsfield Parks Figure Skating Club.

## Ticket Sales Heavy for Jay's Movies

### Winter Sports Night Program To Be Tomorrow

Ticket sales for the winter sports night at the high school tomorrow are reported very promising by Bartlett Hendricks, chairman of the committee in charge of the entertainment which will feature films by John Jay, official Olympics photographer. Mr. and Mrs. Jay will be entertained at dinner tomorrow night at the Coffee Shop by the committee.

The announcement was made at last night's meeting of the winter sports committee in the Parks and Recreation Department office with about 30 attending. The next meeting will be Jan. 3.

Tomorrow afternoon's show at 4 is for both children and adults, but only children will be eligible for prizes. Mr. Hendricks emphasized. Both children and adults will have a chance for prizes at the evening show at 8. About 15 prizes donated by local merchants will be distributed. Assisting Mr. Hendricks as ushers and ticket-takers will be: Miles A. Bartlett, Paul and Russell D. Bousquet, Mrs. Willard Bridgman, Hobart V. Tower, Mrs. Francis E. Viner and the Misses Anne L. Bossidy, Nancy Knoblock, Rose M. Stomski and Anna M. Walsh.

Mr. Tower, who is chairman of the sports sale which starts Saturday, said used equipment and clothes are coming in, but there is need for more. One request was made for a toboggan and sleds. The sale will be at the corner of First and Federal Streets, from 10 to 5:30 Saturday, and from noon to 7 week days. The sale will be only eight days this year instead of the six weeks last year.

Alexander J. Garnish of the figure-skating committee, has invited all interested in forming a figure-skating club to meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Park Department offices. The United States Figure Skating Association has been asked for sanction to hold Pittsfield's first figure-skating competitions here.

George F. (Doc) Maynard reported that requests have been received about the National Junior Downhill and Slalom championships on Mount Greylock, Feb. 26 and 27. Lea Bacus, chairman of the First National Junior Championships held in Bogus Basin, Idaho, has notified Mr. Maynard he plans to bring a girl and three boys by plane to the meet.

In one other bit of business, Dec. 27 was set as the opening date of the annual queen's contest to raise funds for the winter carnival. Co-chairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski will announce the queen candidates, and the button sale will start at that time.





**SKIS OVER EUROPE:** Two winter sports enthusiasts caught in a scene from "Skis Over Europe," film record of the 1948 Olympics, in St. Moritz, Switzerland, taken by John Jay, official photographer. The film will be shown as part of the winter sports night at the High School Thursday afternoon and night, with Mr. Jay giving a personal commentary on the shots which include European winter sports centers. An afternoon session for children only will begin at 4, while both children and adults will be welcome at the 8 PM showing of the 95-minute program. Fifteen prizes will be distributed. Proceeds of the program will be used for winter sports activities.

## John Jay To Show Ski Films

Olympic Movies  
Are Scheduled  
Here Thursday

Skiers take just as beautiful flops in the Italian Alps as they do in the Berkshires, according to John Jay, noted ski photographer. This Thursday he's going to prove it.

Part of this movie program, to be presented at the Pittsfield High School, will show what happens to week-end "snow bunnies" from Milan when they essay a big hill at Sestriere, Italian ski resort. The conclusion is that gravity works the same way the world over.

Mr. Jay, America's official Olympic photographer, has made a specialty of unusual ski shots. One of his tricks is to mount a telephoto lens in an automobile or building to take pictures of novices careening their way down practice slopes, unaware that they are being observed. Another is to film racers by following them down the trail on skis. A Class A skier himself, he's one of the few in the business who's able to do this.

Mr. Jay's picture of the winter Olympic games, to be shown Thursday afternoon at 4 and that evening at 8, includes all the high points: the Norwegians sweeping the ski jump with the veteran Birger Ruud placing second after he decided to enter the race at the last moment, America's Gordon Wrenn out-jumping most of the field although losing on form, the impressive opening ceremony with 28 nations participating, bobsledding, speedskating, the downhill and slalom championships, and Dick Button and Barbara Ann Scott winning their figure skating crowns.

The other film, which will be shown only at the evening performance, portrays winter sports activities of all kinds—from curling to mountain climbing—at Zermatt, Sestriere and Arosa, in the Alps. One of the shots of a skier coming down a hill

at Arosa is said to be the most spectacular demonstration of deep powder snow skiing ever screened.

A Rhodes scholar who formerly worked with the March of Time, Mr. Jay has been appointed athletic director at Williams College, effective Feb. 1. During the war he served as an intelligence officer in the 10th Mountain Division. His latest book is called "Skis Over America."

Mr. Jay has appeared in Pittsfield only once before, although several of his productions have been shown here. He will arrive here from New York Thursday and leave Friday for Chicago.

Mrs. Jay handles the musical part of the program.

## Pro Drug Girls Beat Haydenville To Square Series

The Professional Drug girls' basketball team defeated the Haydenville Raiderettes, 33 to 23, at the YMCA last night. It was a sweet victory for the locals as it avenged the setback suffered recently at Haydenville.

The Pros overcame a first-half nine-point deficit and held the visitors to two floor goals and a foul in the second half while they tallied 24 markers led by Peg Kirby, who was high scorer of the game with 15 points. Mary Stavaski contributed 12 to aid the local's cause. Rita Kulash was high point getter for the losers with 8. The third and deciding game will be played in the near future.

The score:

Professional Drug			Haydenville		
	B.	F.		B.	F.
Lentile, rf	2	0	B. Kulash, lg	0	0
Stavaski, lf	6	0	Emery, lg	2	0
Zajchowski, lf	0	0	Britton, rg	1	0
Kirby, cf	7	1	Ryan, cf	0	1
DeGere, rg	0	0	Golash, lf	2	1
Rooney, rf	0	0	Duda, rf	1	1
Homich, lg	1	0	R. Kulash, cf	4	0
Massery, cg	0	0			
	16	1		10	3
	33			23	

Referee, Glennon.

## Winter Sports To Be Discussed Tomorrow Night

Plans for winter sports night at the Pittsfield High School Dec. 9, the annual winter carnival, and the winter sports sale will be discussed at a meeting of the winter sports committee tomorrow night at 7.45 at the Park Department offices.

Also on the agenda is a report by George F. (Doc) Maynard on his recent trip to Chicago to obtain the National Ski Association's sanction for the national junior downhill and slalom championships on Mount Greylock Feb. 26 and 27.

Francis E. Douglas, committee chairman, emphasized that the meetings are open to anyone interested in furthering winter sports.

## Girls' Hoop Teams To Play Tonight

The Professional Drug Girls' basketball team will play the Haydenville Raiderettes at the YMCA tonight at 8. The local players will be seeking their fourth win. Seats for 200 have been set up in the Y gym.

## Square Dancing Listed at Springside

Square dancing will be featured at tomorrow night's dance in Springside House, leaders of the Junior Country Club announced today. There will also be round dances for the 6.30 to 9.30 session.

A total of 120 membership cards have been nsold, and beginning tomorrow night the cards must be shown at the door. Cards may be bought at the Park Department offices or at the door before the dance.

A meeting of the club's parent advisory committee will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 in the Park Department offices.

## Perry Declines Oak Ridge Job

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, has passed up a position as director of recreation at the atomic energy plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., it was reported today. Mr. Perry visited the plant last week and was offered the job, but in a letter to Oak Ridge authorities today he declined the offer.

## Yule Decorations To Be Viewed Dec. 19

Judges will view the outdoor Christmas decorations of homes throughout the city on Sunday, Dec. 19, it was announced today by the Parks and Recreation Department. That office is sponsoring the contest for the second year.

The city will be divided into zones, and winners in each will be considered for the finalist prize in judging to be carried out on the following Monday and Tuesday.

Store windows also will be judged Dec. 19. Merchants not located on North Street should call the department office before Dec. 17 if they wish their Christmas window displays to be included.

## Speed Skaters To Hold Member Campaign

The Pittsfield Park Speed Skating Club at a meeting last night voted to hold a membership drive Dec. 13 through 27. Adults purchasing the cards will help the youngsters to compete in a series of 10 skating meets to be held throughout New England, while youngsters who purchase the membership cards are eligible for speed skating instruction.

Plans for the first skating meet of the season to be held Dec. 26 in Glens Falls were also discussed. Last year the Pittsfield Park Skating Club placed second in the Glens Falls meet, with 13 teams competing.

## Park Board Meeting

The Park Commission will meet tonight at 7.15 in the Parks and Recreation Department office to discuss the purchase of the lighting system at Wahconah Park from the Pittsfield Baseball Corporation. The commissioners also will discuss next year's budget and other park matters.

## Maintenance Men, Leaders Sought by Park Department

Lack of winter weather hasn't stopped the Parks and Recreation Department from asking for workers and concessions needed to make the season a success. One list calls for maintenance men to fill out a schedule calling for day or night work for seven days a week. Anyone interested should report to William F. Fitzgerald, park foreman. The other is for leaders at the sports areas. Competent people with ability to skate and ski should report to John A. Massimiano, director of athletics.

The Park Commission will accept bids for concessions at the sports areas until Monday afternoon at 5. So far only one bid has been received. Others will be accepted for the Common, Deming, Clapp Park, Springside, Pontoosuc Lake and Wahconah Park, on individual or all areas, and on a percentage of gross or flat sum. All bidders will be asked to appear before the commissioners Monday night at 7.15.



## Hibbard Community Center Lives Up to Expectations

**Lakewood Civic Association Feels That Recreation Project It Promoted Is Paying Dividends**

Hibbard Community Center is a going concern—thanks to the Lakewood Civic Association.

"We were almost discouraged a couple times, "one association member said, "but after a year of trying, with the help of the School Department, we finally got permission to use Hibbard School for recreation. And it's paying dividends because last week about 250 people used the place."

Facilities go all the way from an inlaid brown linoleum basketball court with two hoops, to table games in a side room for those more sedentary. And there are two shower-heads for a quick rinse afterwards. Those were first used last Saturday morning.

Thursday nights are for girls and women with Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in charge, while John A. Massimiano, director of athletics of the Parks and Recreation Department directs the fellows on Fridays.

"Most popular classes are at 6.15 and 7.15 when the 6 to 9 and 10 to 14 year olds play," Mr. Massimiano pointed out. "About half of them use the gymnasium and the others like the game room where they play caroms, checkers and games such as monopoly under the supervision of Mrs. Floyd Sherman," he added.

The 8.15 group of 15 years and older seems to concentrate on basketball. Last Friday there were four teams playing on a staggered basis.

## Camp Fire Doughnut Party Attended by 150

Mrs. Hall Siddall, Camp Fire regional field adviser, spoke on the national building fund candy sale in which Pittsfield girls will take part at the Camp Fire doughnut party, Saturday night at the Girls' League. About 150 attended.

Eileen Keegan was crowned doughnut queen by Frank A. Woodhead. Grace Henderson and Dolores Parzick led the coronation procession. Pauline Baroli was crown bearer and the 37 prize winners in the recent doughnut sale were members of the queen's court. Words of the song sung to the queen were composed by Mrs. Theodore W. Hall. The queen was assisted in distributing prizes by Mrs. Siddall.

Movies of the Camp Fire birthday celebration last March were shown by Mahlon L. Henderson, whose wife led group singing. Miss Irene L. Crooker of the Pittsfield Community Music School was pianist, and Mrs. Roy F. Nash was chairman of refreshments, assisted by Mrs. E. Roswell Leab, Mrs. Louis E. St. John Jr., Mrs. Floyd L. Sherman and Mrs. Oscar Dubois. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Owens and Mrs. Rex W. Wyman were in charge of decorations. Miss Elinor Duggan of the Parks and Recreation Department conducted games.

## Pleasing Display

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I would like to commend the Parks and Recreation Department and its assistants for the scintillating beauty at Park Square this Christmas season. It is very artistic and most pleasing and deserving of great praise.

Mrs. W. J. BUTLER.  
Pittsfield.

"Last week we started an extra hour for adults beginning at 9.15," Miss Duggan broke in. "About a dozen showed up at each class and others have indicated an intention to attend future sessions."

"Ten kids showed up for our first boxing class Saturday morning at 9.30 and about 16 for basketball," Mr. Massimiano said with satisfaction, adding, "We are going to start a basketball league in a little while."

Recently, a shower room was completed on the north side under the supervision of Frederick Van Wie, superintendent of public buildings. The shower will serve for both boys and girls because they meet on different days.

According to figures kept by the Park Department, attendance has increased more than one-third in the three weeks the center has been operating. About 96 boys showed up the first night and last week there were 130, while the girls increased from 62 to 110 in the same period.

Bernard O. Plouffe, of the Lakewood Civic group, said "I wouldn't be surprised if other sections in Pittsfield try to get similar centers set up in the schools. There has been talk about it and there certainly is a need. The Boys Club and YMCA can handle just so many youngsters and the centers would take care of the overflow. Besides, those places are too far for some of the kids to go in the winter time."

Support for such a plan was given in the leisure time survey conducted by the Pittsfield Junior League. In addition to the Hibbard Center, similar plans were suggested for Plunkett and Tucker Schools.

## Kids Give Santa Assist



Children put toys into this grab bag yesterday, reversing the Christmas custom. Little Peter Rowland of 40 Brighton Avenue gets encouragement from Santa as he and his sister, Sue Ellen, deposit their contributions. It's all for the benefit of the Berkshire Home for Crippled Children and the Pittsfield Day Nursery. The women of the College Club planned the affair, and brought their children to take part.

## 1300 Attend Showings of Jay's Films

**Prizes Awarded At Winter Sports Night Program**

Nearly 1300 attended yesterday's two presentations of films by John Jay in the annual winter sports night at the High School. Fewer than 300 showed up for the afternoon performance, but a near-capacity house at night boosted attendance well over the 1000-mark. Fifteen door prizes were awarded during the day's activities.

About 22 sports-minded people attended a dinner for Mr. Jay in the Coffee Shop before the evening performance. In a short speaking program George E. (Doc) Maynard mentioned the national junior downhill and slalom championships to be held here during winter carnival; Alexander J. Garnish talked about organizing a figure-skating team; Russell D. Bousquet, co-chairman of the queen's contest with Miss Rose M. Stomski, mentioned plans for that affair; and Bartlett Hendricks, chairman of the winter sports night, introduced Mr. Jay.

Films were shown of the Olympics in St. Moritz, and at the evening show winter sports activities from curling to mountain climbing at Zermatt, Sestriere and Arosa in the Italian Alps were added. Proceeds will go to the general fund of the winter carnival.

Prizes went to the following: Frederick Fox, John J. Plankey, Linda Horner, Robert L. Garrity, Molly Smith, Ruth Barch, Brett McKinney, Peter Hubby, Edward Sziklase, Charles Gregory, Henry Ostrander, Charles Gibson, Shirley McCormack, Howard Brookner and George Buckler.

## Speedskaters Preparing for Coming Meets

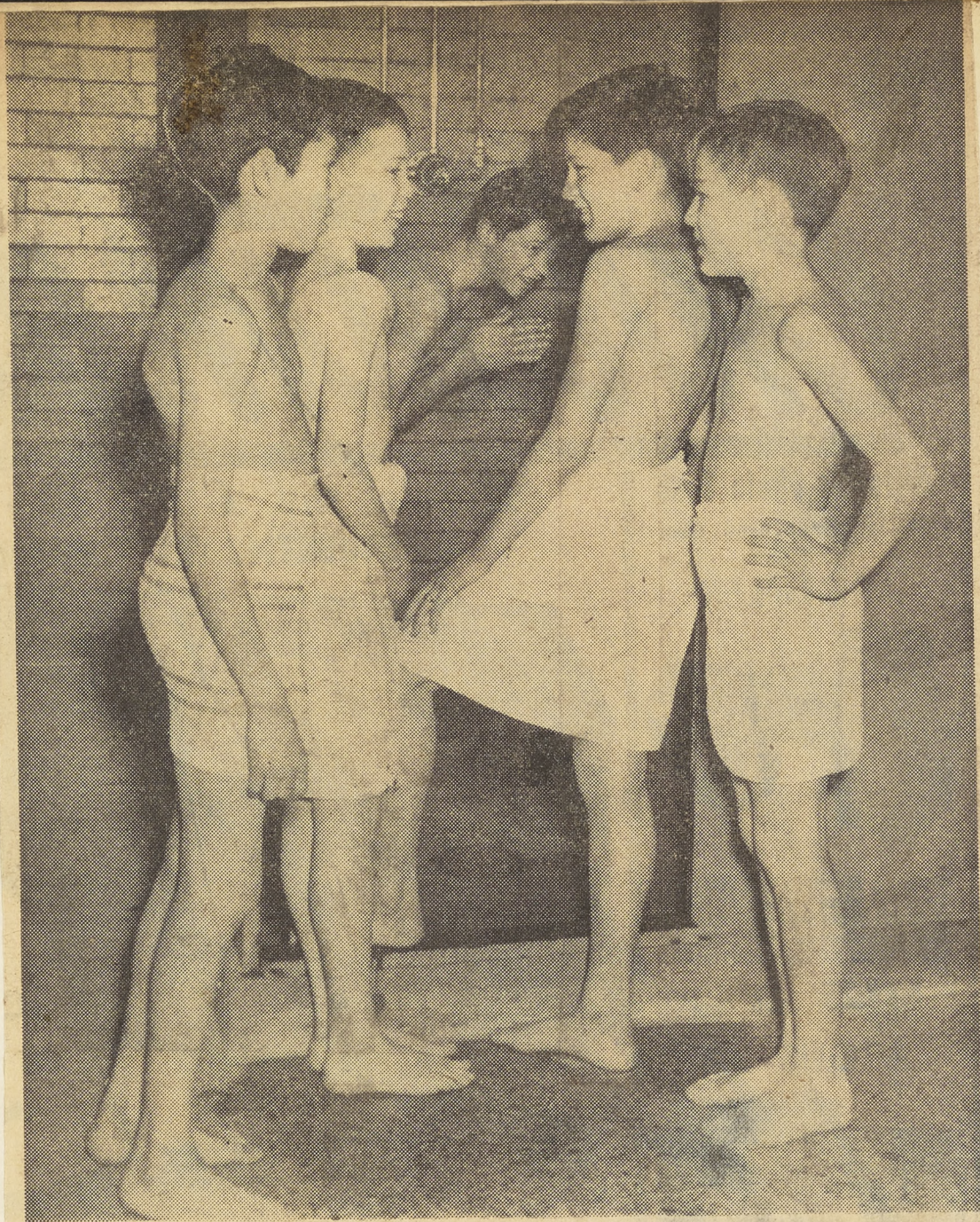
The Pittsfield Parks and Speedskating Club will meet tonight at 6.15 in the Park Department offices where entry blanks are available for the Glens Falls winter carnival, Adirondacks championships at Saranac Lake, and the Eastern States at Saratoga Springs, all in New York. The Glens Falls meet, scheduled for Dec. 26, is the first of the year. The second and third are on Jan. 1 and 2, and 8, 9 in the order listed above. In case there is no ice the 26th, the Glens Falls meet will be Sunday, Jan. 23.

Changes in meets were announced at a meeting yesterday of the Northern New York Skating Association in Glens Falls. The session, which is the last before the skating season starts, was attended by Francis E. Douglas, chairman of the city-wide winter sports committee, and Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department.

H. J. Gallagher, the Northern New York Association's representative at the national conference, reported that the meet held in Pittsfield last year was awarded the title of the biggest outdoor speedskating meet in the country last season. He also said that prospects of holding the North American meet in Pittsfield in 1951 are very good. This year's nationals will be in St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12 and 13 with the North Americans in the area near the Ten Thousand Lakes in Wisconsin, at a date to be announced later.

The revised schedule of skating meets, besides those listed above, follows: Middle Atlantics at Newburgh, Jan. 15 and 16; Hudson Valley at Troy, Jan. 22; Central Adirondacks at Northville, Jan. 29; Mohawk Valley at Amsterdam, Jan. 30; Berkshire Hills in Pittsfield, Feb. 5 and 6; Lake Colby, Feb. 12 and 13; Malone, Feb. 19; and Lake Placid, Feb. 20. All meets, except the Berkshire Hills, are in New York State.





**HOT SHOWER AT HIBBARD:** Jim Pelky takes a quick rinse in recently-installed showers at the Hibbard community center while some of his friends await their turn to clean up. Permission to use Hibbard School for a center was given three weeks ago after a year of petitioning by the Lakewood Civic Association. Last week about 250 people in the Lakewood section used the center's facilities. Others in the shower line-up, from left to right, are: Bobby Chicchiaretto, Jerry McCartney, John Sondrini and Francis Metivier.

### Four Teams Represented at Hockey Meeting

Four teams were represented last night at the Parks and Recreation Department office at the organization meeting of the Senior City Hockey League. They were the Morningside Bruins, the GE Apprentices, the Blackhawks and the North End.

John Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, said today that the next meeting will be Monday night at 7.30 at the same place. Players who are interested in joining any of these teams should communicate with Mr. Massimiano.

Plans also are being made for the formation of a Midget City League, which would be for boys under 14 years of age. Two teams already have enrolled. Other clubs should register at the Park Department office.

## \$800,000 in Capital Projects Presented to Outlay Committee

Representatives of the Park Department, Public Works Department and the Fire Survey Commission appeared before the Capital Outlay Committee at City Hall last night to argue for \$800,000 worth of capital projects which they have recommended that the city undertake during 1949.

The biggest program was presented by Commissioner of Public Works Archie K. Sloper whose list of projects would cost an estimated \$400,000. Major items included \$101,000 for improving Hancock Road and Columbus Avenue, \$60,000 for resurfacing North Street, and \$50,000 for additions to the municipal garage. The North Street job would cost \$120,000, to be distributed over two years.

#### Fire Outlay, \$489,000

The Fire Survey Commission, which recommended an outlay of \$489,000 in its report to the mayor last summer, told the committee that about \$350,000 should be spent next year to start the program. It was emphasized that this figure is a rough one and that the commission will submit a detailed estimate to the outlay group before the capital expenditures for 1949 are acted upon.

Priority in the fire program would be given to three projects if the commission's suggestions are carried out: a new west side fire station, probably on West Housatic Street; a new station on

Peck's Road; and a drill tower for training Fire Department personnel.

Capital requests from the Park Department totaled about \$66,000 and were presented to the Capital Outlay Committee last night by Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks, and Munroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission. Their biggest items were \$25,000 for improvements to the Springside Park wading pool, \$15,000 for Waconah Park bleachers, and \$15,000 ground tennis courts recommended for building four Deming Play-

The Capital Outlay Committee has been holding hearings on capital budget requests for the past month and will submit its recommendations in January. The committee is under the chairmanship of Frederick M. Myers and includes City Council President Edward J. McDonald, City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile, and members of the Planning Board.

### Skating Club Makes Plans As Drive Opens

Transportation, training and parents' advisory committees will be set up for the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club this week as part of the membership drive which began today. The announcement was made at a meeting last night, in the Parks and Recreation Department offices with about 30 present.

Alexander Goguen, 1946 Berkshire Hills and former national five-mile champion, was on hand along with Arthur Longsjö, crack intermediate skater. Both will be competing in meets this year as members of the Pittsfield club, which opens its season at Glens Falls, N.Y., Dec. 26.

The officers of the club hope to get in some preliminary training on local rinks before the formal season opens. They are investigating the possibility of using several small ponds in this area which are reported frozen solid enough for skating.



# \$50 Increase for Councilmen Recommended by Committee

**Tie Votes Leave Intact Proposed Raises of \$1000 for Mayor and \$300 For Parks-Recreation Superintendent** 12/11

Members of the Finance and Rules and Ordinances Committees last night unanimously suggested \$50 increases for councilmen, and tie votes left intact a proposed increase of \$1000 for the mayor and \$300 for the superintendent of parks and recreation. The actions were taken in a final committee examination of the salary survey ordinance for municipal employees. The job classifications of the ordinance are being checked now by the Civil Service Commission in Boston.

## Lake Raps Purnell

In a statement today, Harvey E. Lake, chairman of the Rules and Ordinances Committee, attacked Councilman George A. Purnell for his "obstructionist tactics" at the meeting. Lake said the work would have been finished earlier if Purnell had not insisted on trying to change the figures. Lake also pointed out that several weeks ago the City Council had sent the ordinance to the committee for checks on legality, and not on the merit of the pay raises. It passed them 10 to 1 with Purnell dissenting.

City Solicitor Francis J. Quirico will make a few changes in legal form of the ordinance this week end and Wednesday will check with the Civil Service Commission to see if the classifications are acceptable. The Council will not have to wait for action from Boston because no change will be made in figures but only in classifications. Lake will

ask for special Council meetings on Jan. 3 and 4 so that the survey's recommendations may be incorporated in the 1949 budget.

The councilmen's increase in salary from \$250 to the maximum of \$300 allowed under the city charter was passed unanimously with an observation by George A. Purnell that by the time the councilmen finished paying for all the invitations they receive, nothing was left of their salary.

Purnell, supported by Councilmen Edward T. McGovern and Lake, opposed the survey suggestion that the mayor receive the \$5000 maximum allowed him under the charter. But the item passed with Councilmen Robert B. Dillon, Leland C. Talbot and Mrs. Lenora Goerlach voting in favor, to make it a tie. Councilman Edward J. McDonald was absent due to illness.

## Perry Pay Slash Fails

Purnell then led a move to cut the salary of the park superintendent from the survey's suggested \$4800 to the present salary of \$4500. That lost out, with Goerlach, Talbot and Lake voting against the cut, and Purnell, Dillon and McGovern in favor. Purnell then tried to cut it to \$4600, and that move lost out with a similar vote.

In one other action, two employees of the Fire and Police Signal Department were changed from a \$1.50 an hour wage to a flat \$3100 for the year. At present they make \$55 a week, and the change as amended will give them \$60 a week. The change from hourly to flat salary was made because it would have given them a bigger salary than the department head receives.

It was pointed out that any raises for the councilmen or executive are not supposed to become effective for incumbents. But City Solicitor Quirico will check on the legality of making such raises effective immediately.

## Wahconah Park Boosts Funds of City Treasury

Wahconah Park produced more than half the \$8229.16 revenue of the Park Department during the past 11 months, for a total of \$5516.76. The money has been turned over to the city treasurer for the general fund.

The total is \$1775.84 short of the figure estimated in 1947 because only \$100 was realized from boxing shows, which were expected to bring in \$1600. Baseball brought in \$3050, with the concession rights for all activities (except the Canadian-American baseball) coming in second with \$1460.19. Football added \$823.78 even with the \$200 rent from Pittsfield High School missing. The school received free rental to help cancel the loss caused by conflict of baseball and football schedules.

Pontoosuc Beach and picnic area concessions beat expectations by \$500 for a total of \$2171.77. It is expected that another \$500 will be taken in from there before the books are closed this year.

## Sunshiners To Meet

Plans for a special Christmas edition of a shut-ins' newspaper will be discussed at a meeting of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club tonight at 7.45 in the Parks and Recreation Department offices. Several other committees will report at that time.

## Square Dance Continues Tonight

The 10th weekly Saturday night square dance sponsored by the city-wide committee of the Parks and Recreation Department will be held tonight at 8 in the Armory on Summer Street with music by Orville (Pop) Smith and his Old Timers. It is the 11th square dance of the season counting the special Thanksgiving Day dance.

Because of an increase in the number of family groups attending, the committee plans to hold dances on Christmas and New Year's nights which fall on Saturdays. To date the dances have attracted about 2800 people.

## Puck Leagues Will Be Set Up Tonight

All men and boys interested in hockey are invited to league organizational meetings scheduled for tonight at 7.30 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices. John Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, announced today.

A junior league will be formed for boys between 14 and 18, and a senior unit will be organized for men 19 and above.

The department has erected both its hockey pens. The smaller one has been placed at Clapp Park, and has no lighting facilities. The larger one has been set up on the Common, and has lights. This area will be used for all league matches.



**NOW FOR SOME SNOW!** With the installation yesterday afternoon of this huge sign in front of the main entrance of the Sheraton Hotel, the city was fully prepared to greet its winter visitors. The sign, provided by the Chamber of Commerce, was installed by Omer J. Van Dreuil of the Park Department under the supervision of William F. Fitzgerald. 12/11

## 100 Articles Sold As Winter Sports Sales Opens

Some 100 articles totaling about \$250 were disposed of in last Saturday's opening of the winter sports committee's annual sale of "used and outgrown winter sports equipment." That is about one-fourth the total sales of last year's month-long effort, Chairman Hobart W. Tower said today. The committee gets 20 per cent commission or about \$50 for the first day of the drive which ends Saturday at 5.30.

Additional items were brought in, so the committee still has about 300 articles for sale, including skis, ski boots, clothing and a large stock of skates. There is still a big demand for sleds, toboggans and small-size skates. The committee will accept articles for sale as late as Thursday.

This week's sale, directed by Mrs. William W. Monks, Mrs. Arthur Barriere and Mrs. Alfred C. Maynard, will be held daily from noon to 7 PM and Saturday from 10 to 5.30. Christmas gifts made by shut-ins also will be accepted with no commission charged. Proceeds will be used for expenses of the winter carnival and the junior national ski races at Mount Greylock in February. The sale is being held at the corner of First and Federal Streets.

## Figure Skaters To Organize

The organization meeting of a figure-skating club will be tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Park Department offices on School Street, with Alexander J. Garnish, chairman of the figure-skating committee of the winter sports committee in charge. In releasing the announcement, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department, said that plans are being made to provide figure-skating instruction for the club members by recognized teachers at an early date.

## Skis Go Faster Than Skates at Equipment Sale

Skiing apparently has raced far ahead of skating in the minds of Pittsfield's young.

It has, if reports, from the city winter sports committee's equipment sale mean anything. Skis have been going like hot cakes, but skates don't seem to be moving. In fact, the committee says that it has not enough skis and too many skates, of all sizes and shapes.

Chairman Hobart Tower reported that the sale grossed well above \$100 yesterday.

The sale, which is being conducted in the former Molleur Brothers' Garage building on Federal Street, will continue through Saturday.

## Toys Tickets For N.E. Home Benefit Dance

Members of the Junior Country Club will hold a benefit dance for the New England Home for Little Wanderers Friday night from 6.30 to 9.30 at Springside House. The youngsters who bring toys will not be asked to pay the usual nine cents admission.

Additional money for gifts will be raised by operation of a Christmas fair room, with Miss Marsha Roberts as chairman. Booths will be set up in the game room and refreshments will be sold. Roger Gerwoski was appointed chairman of the decorations committee.

The club members plan to purchase and wrap presents Saturday morning at 10 in the Parks and Recreation Department's office on School Street, under the direction of Miss Elinor J. Duggan, girls' and women's supervisor, who also handles the Springside House. The presents will be delivered to the New England Home for Little Wanderers Saturday afternoon.



# Volunteers Are Great Help to Christian Center

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During a lull in the confusion, some of the children who attend the Christian Center on Linden Street stage an impromptu show in one of their Wednesday and Thursday afternoon sessions. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, who are assisting Miss Lenore Kruse in running the center on those days, note the reaction of the children. The vocalist at the left is Richard Froio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco R. Froio of 131 Linden Street. The children are kept busy with relays and basketball, and now and then are asked to perform before one another just for a change of pace.

## Park Leaders Bring Order Out Of Confusion

A study in organized confusion, best describes the Christian Center on Linden Street, when neighborhood youngsters meet for their play-hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

But noisy as it is, Miss F. Lenore Kruse, the director, is pleased because "the children have responded very well to Johnny and Elinor."

Until a few weeks ago, Miss Kruse was carrying the burden of entertaining the children all by herself. Then John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, offered to take over the classes as free time work.

"The total result over a period of time didn't warrant continuance of our play-hour on Tuesdays and Fridays," Miss Kruse reminisced "because we lacked sufficient leadership to keep the children controlled. When Mrs. Howard Lenox, a volunteer worker, was no longer able to help me last spring, we had to give up the classes. But now they have been started again, and it is working out very well," she said with a pleased smile.

### Play Organized Now

"Before Johnny and Elinor started helping, the children used to leave the table games and start wrestling," Miss Kruse pointed out. Now Mr. Massimiano has the boys running novel relays or playing basketball in the gymnasium, while Miss Duggan has the girls singing Christmas carols (sometimes off key), putting puzzles together or playing games upstairs.

Keeping the small fry in line is hard work because "they are so keyed up emotionally, that it is difficult for them to concentrate," Miss Kruse explained. "But there is more imagination and creative ability, on the average in this group, than in other groups I have known," she added.

That is because the children have fewer advantages than some of the others in Pittsfield and they seem to compensate by utilizing their innate abilities for improvising, Miss Kruse pointed out. "It's a long hard road, but we are trying to get them to relax, so that those qualities can be expressed better."

Proof of those talents will be exhibited soon if tentative plans for a Christmas party work out. In an impromptu entertainment recently, Timothy Hoctor and Louise Blankenburg danced while the group sang "Bye-Bye Blackbird." Jim O'Brien and Ralph Gardner show promise as singers, and others seem eager to show what they can do.

The supervised play-hours are children through Grade 6. The

girls meet after school on Wednesdays and the boys at the same hour on Thursdays. Preschool children are scheduled for early Wednesday. "They can come anytime they want," Miss Kruse said, "but we prefer to have them use the center's facilities on the days scheduled for them in order to avoid confusion."

The center, formerly known as the Epworth Mission, is supported by the Pittsfield Council of Churches. Religious classes are held on Saturdays and Sundays, and a small chapel has been built on the second floor replacing the former chapel on the main floor which has been changed into a gymnasium.

## Holiday Decorations Will Be Judged Next Week

A schedule of dates for judging the second exterior Christmas decoration contest next week has been released by the Parks and Recreation Department.

About 60 judges will be needed. Anyone willing to help is asked to call the department. When the tour is completed, an itinerary will be set up so that anyone wishing to see the best decorations Pittsfield has to offer can do it easily.

On Sunday night from 6 to 8 private homes will be judged on the basis of decorations visible from the street. No homes will be entered. The city has been divided into 10 zones and the judges will select three winners from each zone. Next Wednesday another group of five judges will select the top three from those 30 selections and three more for honorable mention.

Store windows will be viewed Monday night from 7 to 9, including stores on both sides of North Street from City Hall Park to the House of Mercy. Any merchants on side streets who wish to be considered are asked to call the department.

Commercial buildings also will be viewed Monday night, with three winners to be selected. A special class has been set up for places such as the City Infirmary, and another class for such businesses as the funeral parlors. Both groups will be viewed Wednesday night.

Anyone wishing to be sure his display is viewed should call the Park Department 9797. The annual contest was postponed during World War II to conserve electricity. Certificates will be awarded to winners.

## Shut-In Sees First Talkies, Thanks to the Sunshine Club

Mrs. Francis Duprey of 25 Moberg Street took the step from silent to talking movies 20 years late Monday night, and she probably enjoyed it much more than those who attend the cinema regularly. The elderly shut-in saw a currently popular musical comedy film, which was shown right in her home by the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club.

She said the picture was a great improvement over the ones she remembered in her theatre-going days.

This was but the first of several cheer features planned by the club, which came into being recently when the public over-subscribed a

drive for a television set for Bobby Kidney, the polio victim.

The committee said last night that it hopes to show moving pictures in the homes of the 40 other shut-ins, who have been enrolled in the club.

A special Christmas edition of a paper for shut-ins will be distributed before the holiday by Perry Jackson's Boy Scouts, working in co-operation with Jackson Perry's Parks and Recreation Department, which pioneered for the establishment of the "sunshine" group. Candy, puzzles and games also will be provided at Christmas-time for those who can't leave their homes, and Christmas corsages will be sent to all women who are so indisposed.

## Tennis Committee Meets Tonight

A special meeting of the city-wide tennis committee will be held tonight at 7.45 in the Park Department office to make plans for a campaign to secure the proposed four tennis courts at Deming playground. An appropriation for them is included in the Park Department budget but a long, hard fight is expected by the tennis committee members.

## Scheduled Acts Fail, Show Goes On Anyway At Christian Center

The show went on at the Christian Center yesterday afternoon even though the scheduled performers failed to show up. About 53 youngsters from the Linden

Street area, Grades 1 through 3, had a Christmas party with refreshments, candy-filled stockings and lollipops.

When several singers and dancers who had promised their services failed to appear, John A. Massimiano and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, director of athletics and supervisor of girls' and women's activities respectively of the Park Department, organized an amateur show, including a few features by themselves. Another party is planned for this afternoon at the center for children from Grade 4 through junior high school.





**SHUT-INS' BARGAIN COUNTER:** Mrs. Donald G. MacDonald and Mrs. William A. Monks examine articles for sale at the winter sports sale at the corner of Federal and First Streets. Although a 20 per cent commission is collected on winter sports equipment, nothing is charged for sale of articles the shut-ins contributed. Hand crocheted, knitted and embroidered items such as baby bonnets, toques and caps suitable for Christmas gifts have been made by the shut-ins. Besides getting gifts for friends, buyers will help shut-ins earn Christmas money by buying their articles. The sale is daily from noon to 7 PM, and Saturday (the final day) from 10 to 5.30.

### Grounded Skaters Limit Activity To Planning

Lack of ice is still grounding the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club, but training plans have been drawn up anyhow because the skaters have their first meet Dec. 26 at Glens Falls, N.Y. A few of the 36 candidates have worked out in indoor arenas in Springfield or Boston, but the majority are looking forward to their first skate of the season.

Candidates are asked to report Monday night at 7.15 at the warming house on the Common. The instructors will be present to demonstrate how skates should be sharpened, fitted, what guards to use and other information on equipment. Candidates are urged to bring their own skates and socks so the coaches can look them over.

If ice capable of supporting 30 people can be found, the club will work out Sunday morning from 10 until noon. Anyone attending Sunday school at 10.30 may report at 11. Daily practices will be from 3.45 to 5.30 Mondays through Thursdays when ice is available. Competitors for the first meet will be picked Thursday. Anyone interested in joining should be on hand Monday night.

At last night's meeting a program of exercises, dieting and training were set up. Mimeographed sheets containing this information will be distributed at the next meeting.

### Park Commissioner Does Something But Sit on Board

About 57 children of elementary school age were entertained at the Christian Center Thursday afternoon with a magic show presented by William J. Carrigan, park commissioner. The youngsters also were given refreshments and a bag of candy. The party was handled by F. Lenore Kruse, director of the center, and John A. Massimiano and Miss Elinor J. Duggan of the Park Department.

### Skating Teachers Sought for City's Rinks

About 50 supervisory employees are wanted to work part time at the 13 skating rinks the Parks and Recreation Department hopes to have later this winter, it has been announced by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. The department has authority to flood the Common's two rinks, and expects permission to use others as soon as additional snowfall replenishes the city's low water supply.

The applicants should have a good knowledge of figure skating or be able to instruct skating or skiing. They will be employed on a staggered basis with special arrangements for those able to work only at certain times. Working hours will be from 2.45 to 9.30 weekdays, except Saturdays which will be 9.30 AM to 9.30 PM, and Sundays from 11 to 9.30. Anyone interested should call Mr. Massimiano at the Park Department office on School Street.

### Supervised Winter Sports Begin Today at Two Parks

Beginning this afternoon, skiing, is present. Spraying will continue coasting and tobogganing will be supervised at Springside and Clapp Parks and there may be skating tomorrow or Wednesday at Springside. But skating on the Common, which will be ready Wednesday or Thursday, and other areas, depends upon more supervisors signing up for part-time work.

The central skating area and hockey rink on the Common were sprayed last night and a good base

### Speedskaters Practice

All members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club who plan to participate in the Glens Falls (N.Y.) meet Sunday are asked to meet at the Parks and Recreation Department office tomorrow and Friday afternoons at 1.30. The members will go from there to Weston Pond, Dalton, for practice sessions.

### Holiday Decoration Winners Listed by Park Department

If you want to see the best of Pittsfield's Christmas decorations in private homes, a spokesman of the Park Department said, inspect the areas north and south of Dalton Avenue beyond Benedict Road, the parkways near Root playground and upper North Street and the Hancock Road section.

Twenty-seven judges toured the city last night to bring back the best from each of 10 zones. They were out from 6 to 9 on the judging. Wednesday night from 7 to 9 the finalists will be judged to get the top three.

Tomorrow night from 7 to 9 judges will inspect the store windows on West Street down to Union Station and North Street up to Madison Avenue. Another group will tour the commercial displays such as stores, office buildings or gas stations. The judges will not

consider the pictures in the windows on West Street because of the contest being staged on that phase. The rest of the display will be considered.

#### The Winners

Only one winner each was selected in Zones 7 and 10. They are G. Harry Gwinnell, 288 Peck's Road; and Mrs. Joseph S. Spagnuolo, 144 Onota Street.

The following were winners in the order listed: Zone 1, William A. Whittlesey Jr., 21 Beverly Street; Clifford G. Lloyd, 21 Emerson Avenue; Thomas Curtis, 28 Revilla Terrace. Zone 2, Charles H. Ho-decker, 274 Williams Street; Charles H. Vickery, 281 Holmes Road, Willard F. Mosher, 41 Wood Avenue.

Zone 3, John J. Quinn, 116 Connecticut Avenue; H. A. Vernier, 414 Dalton Avenue; Clarence H. Frey, 58 Connecticut Avenue, with honorable mention to E. S. Holt, 200 Cheshire Road and the State Police barracks.

Zone 4, W. S. Kent, 51 Wellington Avenue; and Mrs. Richard M. Maleady, 269 Second Street. Zone 5, John H. Robinson, 1068 North Street; W. J. Degnan, 139 Crane Avenue; Stephen Spasyk, 63 Cromwell Avenue.

Zone 6, George A. Vogel, 71 Hancock Road; W. H. Eason, 81 Hancock Road. Zone 9, Donald L. Retallick, 1000 West Street; Louis I. Plass, 57 Oswald Avenue; Frank Gardiner, 24 Roberta Road. Zone 10, Frank E. Gogan, 36 Cole Avenue; Oliver H. Beymer, 47 Fairfield Avenue; George W. Edmunds, 584 South Street.

The judges were: Mr. and Mrs. William A. Knoblock, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Fox, Miss Dorothy B. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Jones, Mrs. Alfred Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Douglas, Mrs. Silvio Conti, Mr. and Mrs. William Nesbit, Mrs. Norman B. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Garnish, Miss Ann Rosenthal, Russell D. Bousquet, Eugene Case, Miss Eleanor J. Duggan, Miss Rose M. Stomski, Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Jacobs, John A. Massimiano and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson J. Perry.





**CHRISTMAS ART ON WEST STREET:** Store windows along West Street blossomed with holiday scenes today by High School artists who worked their Christmas magic yesterday on the plate glass of dozens of stores. Every holiday figure from angels to snowmen took shape in many colors as the student artists competed for the prizes to be awarded by the West Street Merchants Association. Here, at the left, cigars, angels and a pretty girl are thrown together as Helen A. Kordona, 170 Linden Street, a junior at Pittsfield High, sketches her conception of the Virgin Mary and child on the Dearstyne window. A stout old snow man chugs up the hill to the church in the village on one of the Sport Shop windows (right). Joan Grande of Stockbridge, (left) and Fay Hinman of Lanesboro, both seniors, are the artists. Here, they are inside the window, painting as they would in a mirror. A score of young artists are participating in the promotional contest.

### Winter Sports Sale Receipts Expected To Reach \$1000

Total receipts for the week-long winter sports sale ending this afternoon at 5 are expected to hit the \$1000 mark, Miles A. Bartlett, who is assisting chairman Hobart W. Tower, said today. At 11 this morning the \$900 mark had been passed and sales were reported brisk.

It was pointed out that Christmas shoppers still can pick up some bargains for gifts both in sports equipment as well as knitted, crocheted and embroidered items displayed on the shut-in counter. In equipment, there is a pair of Northland skis for \$12, ski boots for \$3 and up, and more than 100 pairs of skates, along with a scattering of clothing.

The sale definitely will end at 5 and articles not disposed of by then will be returned to their owners. The winter sports committee expects to clear about \$200 as its 20 per cent commission. The money will be used for activities during the winter carnival in February.

### Sports Sale Grosses \$1125 <sup>12/20</sup>

Some 300 items with a gross value of \$1125 were sold during the week-long annual winter sports sale that closed Saturday evening. It was the most successful sale since the venture was started two years ago, according to the chairmen, Hobart W. Tower and Miles A. Bartlett.

In addition to the used winter sports equipment and clothing, a number of articles hand-made by shut-ins were sold by the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club.

All unsold articles were taken to the Park Department Saturday evening, where owners may pick them up this week. All those who donated articles and who have not yet collected their money are also urged to stop at the Park Department offices this week. After the first of the year, articles and money left over will go to the Park Department's winter sports committee, which sponsored the sale.

### Speedskaters To Report Tonight <sup>12/28</sup>

Candidates for the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team should be at the Common warming-house tonight at 7:15. The instructors, Alfred Basiliere, Thomas Stack and Alex Goguen will inspect the socks and skates of the candidates and suggest any changes necessary.

Mimeographed instructions on exercising and a practice schedule will be distributed and a report will be given on the membership drive. It is hoped to sell about 500 one-dollar memberships to defray meet expenses.

Indications are ice will be available for the first meet at Glens Falls the day after Christmas. Still needed are senior and intermediate candidates whose ages are 16 to 18. Only one senior and no intermediate girls are on the roster now.

### Christmas Spirit Dominates Issue Of Student's Pen <sup>12/20</sup>

Several pleas for the old-fashioned Christmas spirit are made in this month's issue of the Student's Pen with regrets that the passing years have seen Old Nick commercialized by some merchants and distorted by thoughtless people.

In the lead editorial, Mary Bonnevillie, the editor, points out that two weeks after Christmas good nature and cheer become as passé as old gift wrappings. She asks for a preservation of the Christmas spirit throughout the year to give meaning to life.

An essay by Diana Fink terms love the greatest gift anyone may bestow while Barbara Bissell complains that: "We have set Santa up in business. We have commercialized him for the merchants" and thereby have destroyed the faith of children by perpetrating a fraud.

In a humorous vein, Ella Diczenco takes a contrary view of the delights of winter preferring to spend that season with slippers, robe and hot water bottle. The fad of square dancing in the Armory on Summer Street gets a boost from an essay by Howard Nonken and Albert Romasco with unusually good illustration of three couples "swinging on down" by Emily Olson.

### Recreation Centers Closed for Holidays <sup>12/20</sup>

The Park Department has postponed activities at three centers for the holiday season. Closed for two weeks will be the Hibbard Community Center which usually is open on Thursday and Friday nights; Christian Center, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; and the Friday night dances at the Springside House. The activities will start again after New Year's Day.

### Springside Fair Provides Party for Little Wanderers

About eight selected children from the New England Home for Little Wanderers will have their Christmas wishes fulfilled thanks to the success of last night's county fair conducted by the Springside Junior Country Club at the Springside House.

A profit of \$21.63 was made on fortune telling, pitch-penny, checkers, caroms, ping pong and bean-guessing booths. Roger Gerwoski handled decorations, Marsha Hunt supervised the fair room, Donald Borden tended the snack bar and Edward Delusky and Allyn O'Brien played records and conducted the dance.

The committee bought such gifts as a sled, camera, ski mittens and high chairs for dolls this morning following a list supplied by Miss Alice M. Russell, visitor for the New England Home. The presentation to Miss Russell for distribution later was made at noon. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, helped organize the fair and collection.

### Square Dances To Cost More <sup>12/20</sup>

It will cost 10 cents more to "swing on down" at the Armory Saturday night dances, it was announced today by the Parks and Recreation Department, sponsoring the affairs. The admission has been raised to 60 cents for adults, to help meet expenses, which have been just above the break-even level.

A group of expert dancers will be on hand at Saturday night's Christmas and New Year's Day dances to help those not familiar with the sets. Parents are invited to bring their teenagers and small fry for a holiday session together.

### Skating Rink Open

There's skating today. Because of four inches of ice at Springside Pond, the Park Department has opened that section for supervised skating from noon to 5:30 and from 6:30 to 9:30. Lights will be on at night. Parents are asked to keep their children off the Common rinks a little longer until good ice is formed, John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, said.



## Ice Fishing Derby Jan. 30 Backed by Sportsmen's Club

The directors of the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club at their monthly meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night voted to support the Parks and Recreation Department winter sports committee in holding an ice fishing derby Sunday, Jan. 30, at Pontoosuc Lake.

Although details of the derby haven't been worked out the committee, according to spokesman Robert Stafford, probably will have two classes, one for adults and the other for minors. He told the directors that local merchants have

volunteered to donate prizes, and awards probably would be given for the biggest fish that day. Entry blanks will be prepared, and no one will be permitted to compete who hasn't registered for the contest. Club President Andrew J. Miller called for volunteers to assist the winter sports committee with the derby, and 10 directors offered their services.

At the business session William Prew of 16 Carson Place was elected a director to a vacancy on the board.

## Speed Skaters To Make Rules For Training

The training committee of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club will meet tonight at 7 in the Parks and Recreation Department office. The members will set up rules and regulations for training skaters to assist the coaches and helpers in turning out a winning team.

Interest in the club has trebled over last year with 36 candidates already signed up. The training committee which will whip them into skating shape includes: Alfred Basillier, Thomas Stack, William A. Knoblock, Alexander Goguen, William Fitzgerald and a woman representative yet to be named.

Girls under 18 years of age are needed for the intermediate class, none having yet signed up. Anyone interested may call the Park Department or any club member. The women registrants include: Senior, Patricia Fitzpatrick; junior, under 16 years, Patricia Farrell, Janice Gregory, Marilyn Carozza, Doreen Janes, Joan Grover and Margaret Kennedy; juvenile, under 14 years, Nancy Viner, Angie DelSignore, Marcia Gerlach, Eileen McGuigan; midget, under 12 years, Bette Jane Goerlach, Eleanor Wesley and Carolyn Cassidy. The men with similar age groups include: Senior, Robert Ouillette, Alex Goguen, Mark Amuso, George Johnston; intermediate, Bartram Reeves, Gene Vidoli and Arthur Lonsjo; junior, Victor Bonneau, Robert Hogue, Joseph Satrape, Jerry Grover, Richard Briggs, John Dinn, Norman Lawson; juvenile, James Williamson, Donald Terpak, Buddy Hogue and Jerry Parker; midget, Richard Simard, Robert Dunn, Joseph Basillier and Billy Keenan.

## Jurisdiction Of Grass Plots To Be Shifted

An order transferring jurisdiction over some 15 city grass plots from the Park Department to the Department of Public Works was submitted to the City Council yesterday afternoon by Mayor Capeless.

The areas covered by the order have been acquired by the Park Department over a period of many years. They include grass plots on Allengate Avenue, Appleton Avenue, Bishop Parkway, Cambridge Avenue, Concord Parkway, Dower Square, Lexington Parkway, Pittsfield Avenue, Revere Parkway and Spadina Parkway.

Transfer of these areas to the Public Works Department was formally requested last month by the Park Commission. In submitting the order to the City Council Mayor Capeless described them as "parks in name only" and said that they are "nothing more than scenic additions to streets and highways for which the Department of Public Works now has responsibility."

## Supervised Skiing Offered at Two City Parks

Supervised skiing, tobogganing and coasting (including skiing lessons) will be available at Clapp and Springside Parks the rest of the week, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, said today. No skating rinks are ready yet, and parents are asked to keep their children off the Common rink until further notice. Authorities feel that the good base would be ruined by early skaters.

Supervision began at Clapp and Springside yesterday with a large crowd. This afternoon the areas will be supervised from 3 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 9.30 with lights at Clapp after dark. On Friday, the hours will be 9.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 5, to let the supervisors enjoy Christmas Eve.

Free skiing instructions will be given tonight, tomorrow and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 with Hobart W. Tower at Clapp and William Dunham at Springside.

Hours of supervision on other days are listed below: Thursday, 9.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.30; Saturday, 3 to 9.30. Sunday, noon to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.30.

## Skating Meet At Glens Falls Is Postponed

The Pittsfield Parks Speed Skating Club was notified yesterday afternoon that the meet scheduled for Glens Falls, N.Y., Sunday has been postponed. It will be held Sunday, Jan. 23.

Pittsfield will open its season Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 1 and 2 at Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Twenty-three members of the squad worked out yesterday afternoon at Weston's Pond in Dalton.

## Sloper Decrees No City Water for Private Rinks 12/28

Owners of private skating rinks were warned by Commissioner of Public Works Archie K. Sloper this morning that filling them with city water is "absolutely and positively forbidden" until the city's present water shortage is eased by rains or thaws.

The commissioner's warning followed reports yesterday that one private skating rink in Pittsfield has already been put in operation for the winter. Mr. Sloper, who described the city's water situation as "extremely precarious at the present time," said that his department is investigating this report.

## 300 Children 12/20 Entertained at Lakewood Party

Three hundred children of the Lakewood section were entertained at a Christmas party yesterday afternoon by the Lakewood Civic Association in Hibbard School. Refreshments were served and each child received a gift from Santa Claus who emerged from an artificial fireplace on the stage. Moving pictures featuring Santa Claus were shown by John A. Massimiano, assisted by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, both of the Park Department.

Mrs. Olympio M. Saltarelli was general chairman, assisted by the Misses Angeline L. Conte and Jane D. Renzi, cochairmen. Others on the committee were: Mrs. Clarence K. Knox Jr., Mrs. Bernard O. Plouffe, and the Misses Diane T. Ranotto and Dorothy G. Giordano. Mario B. Menin provided music with his accordion.

## Water Shortage Growing Worse, Says Sloper

A second warning that water consumption must be sharply curtailed throughout the city was issued this morning by Commissioner of Public Works Archie K. Sloper.

Two weeks ago Mr. Sloper asked all Pittsfield residents to stop using water for "any purposes that are not absolutely necessary." Today, he said, the need for curtailment is even more urgent.

Farnham Reservoir, currently the Water Department's principal source of supply, has fallen a total of 10 feet during the past month, according to Mr. Sloper's figures. He predicted that "unless the weather man brings something extraordinary" the situation by midwinter will be "extremely dangerous."

## City Tractor Submerged in 12/28 Pontoosuc Lake

For the first time this year, city officials have reason to rejoice that the water supply is low: Workmen at Pontoosuc Lake will have an easier time this afternoon pulling a submerged tractor from the public beach.

At 11.15 this morning, Superintendent of Parks Jackson J. Perry learned that the Worthington tractor fell through while cleaning off the snow for skaters. Ordinarily, he said, the water would be from 10 to 15 feet deep, but now, although the tractor is resting on the bottom, the plow blade is sticking above the surface. This means the beach can't be much better than six feet deep.

Mr. Perry doesn't expect any difficulty getting the tractor out. The actual cutting of the six-inch-thick ice will offer trouble, and his men are already on the job.

The driver of the tractor, Earl W. Kibby, 1645 West Housatonic Street, jumped to safety before the tractor submerged.

## Sunshine Club Newspaper Makes Debut

Copies of the Christmas issue of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club's newspaper were distributed yesterday to prominent citizens connected with the Parks and Recreation Department which is sponsoring the club. On Thursday the Boy Scouts will deliver the paper to the shut-ins listed as members of the club.

Copies of the seven-page issue, first of its kind, went to: Mayor Capeless; Edward J. Russell, superintendent of schools; Perry S. S. Jackson, Boy Scout executive; Lawrence K. Miller, editor of The Eagle; Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission, and Stations WBEC and WBRK.

Sketches for the issue were made by Tucker School children and the mimeographing was done by Miss Vera M. Gentile, clerk of the Park Department. The issue includes a message from Bobby Kidney, Pittsfield's paralysis victim. Funds for the club (and paper) come from the over-subscribed television set for Bobby.

A poets' corner is followed by the immortal answer on "Is There a Santa Claus?" by the editor of the New York Sun to eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon 51 years ago. In a column "Just for You," personal notes are carried of the membership campaign, radio and movie programs, and requests for embryonic writers who want to help edit the paper.

On another page a description of how "Silent Night" was written is carried with the text of the carol. On the final page Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, gives a Christmas message asking for all shut-ins to help make a better paper based on the principle "that in one way or another, everyone of you would like to do something for others."

The paper was made possible by the following officers: Robert G. Stafford, president; Mrs. Donald G. MacDonald, treasurer; Raymond A. Ducharme, secretary; Mrs. William W. Monks, membership; John Cahill, publicity; Mrs. Sol Toscher, and Martin Hebert, movies; Mrs. Alfred C. Maynard, visitor; Harry H. MacDonald, associate editor and publisher; and Edward M. Flynn, editor.

## Sports Sale Rebates 12/28 To Stop After Friday

Those who have cash or articles coming to them after the annual winter sports sale will lose out if they don't stop at the Park Department offices before New Year's Day.

Hobart W. Tower and Miles A. Bartlett, chairmen of the winter sports sale, warned today that Friday afternoon is the deadline for kickbacks. After Friday, all money and articles will go to the Park Department's winter sports committee.

## Parks Supervisors Hold Reunion Party 12/28

About 25 of last summer's supervisors and directors in the Parks and Recreation Department held a reunion last night. After a hay ride in early evening, they were served refreshments at the home of Miss Eleanor P. Eckerson, 114 Northumberland Road. Entertainment was provided by Miss Marilyn F. Hughes and Norman C. Najimy. Mr. Najimy was chairman of the reunion.





Vera V. Fielding

**SOME FRIENDS OF MINE:** Diane Retallick is pretty proud of her snow friends, made out of old feed bags, newspapers and cotton, by her mother, Mrs. Donald L. Retallick. Diane has a double interest in Christmas since she was born Dec. 25 four years ago. The Retallicks' snow couple, displayed under floodlights on their porch at 1000 West Street, won a first prize in their zone in the Parks and Recreation Department contest.

## House of Flowers, England's Win Contest for Decorations

The House of Flowers and England Brothers were awarded first places in last night's judging of the window displays and commercial buildings. For institutions, the House of Mercy and YMCA along with the state police barracks on Dalton Avenue were given high praise.

Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, it was the second phase of the Christmas decorations contest. The 24 private home finalists selected in 10 zones Monday night will be reviewed tonight to get the three best and five honorable mention awards. Two corrections are made on the winners recently announced. In Zone 3 Miss Elsie Meister of 28 Revilla Terrace took third place; and Harold F. Harder of 241 Holmes Road got second place in Zone 2.

Most of the store window displays

were very commercial, a park department spokesman said. An exception was the House of Flowers at 438 North Street. It featured a manger scene, with a white church on a hill and reindeer near by. Second place went to Joanne Bakers at 381 North with Santa Claus playing an organ, while third went to Follwell's Greenhouse at 805 North Street. Honorable mention went to the Rosa Restaurant and Kelsey's Market, and the Elm Street Electric's refrigeration display.

England Brothers' heroic-size Santa and reindeer plus the individual window displays took first in commercial buildings, with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company's Christmas carolers second. Third went to Mac's Esso Station at 105 West Housatonic Street with a Santa, Christmas tree and chimney on top of the station.

## Family Carol Singers Will See Movies, Too

Something new—movies—will be added to the city's Christmas Eve carol sing at Park Square. The annual family carol sing will begin at 6.45 Friday night with some holiday movies, the special committee announced today.

Singing will start at 7.15. "Everyone will be welcome from 2 to 7.2," the family sing sponsors said. James H. Lucas of the Chamber of Commerce and Jackson Perry of the Park Department, the two organizations running the project, are encouraging families and groups to come together in song. Carol words will be flashed on a

screen and organizations like the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and the service clubs and church groups, will be able to shake the big Christmas tree in the center of the park with their chorus, they say.

The Orpheus Male Chorus will lead the assemblage.

Movie shorts to be shown during the 30 minutes before the sing will be "Present for Santa," "Santa's Punch and Judy," "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and "Merry Christmas." They will be shown by Leon W. Foote.

## Dalton Avenue Home Wins Yule Decorations Contest

An organ, choir boys, lighted trees and the music of carols won top honors for Armand C. Vernier of 414 Dalton Avenue in the final judging last night of the Christmas decorations for exteriors of homes. The contest was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Second place went to John H. Robinson of 1068 North Street, for a winter scene with a Santa Claus covering the door, snowdrifts in the windows and a floodlight star. Third was won by John J. Quinn of 116 Connecticut Avenue also for a spot-lighted Santa Claus-door, lighted windows and trees.

Honorable mention went to the home of Clifford G. Lloyd, 21 Emerson Avenue; Donald L. Retallick, 1000 West Street; William A. Whittlesey Jr., 21 Beverly Street, and George A. Vogel, 71 Hancock Road. The Lloyd home has a giant 4 by 6-foot Christmas card of a New England scene. It was painted by Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Lloyd placed

evergreen trees flanking the card. The Retallick display has a floodlighted snowman and snow-woman, and the windows of the home are decorated.

At the Whittlesey address, Christmas trees are decorated, complete with gaily-covered packages underneath. And the Vogel home has a life-sized Santa Claus climbing into the chimney, and snowdrifts in the windows.

Certificates will go to the 24 zone winners selected Monday night, which includes those winning top billing during yesterday's judging. The certificates will be signed by Mayor Capeless and Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation was high in his praise of the volunteer judges. Besides the three hours last night, three hours also was spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights by the various judges.

## Holiday Route

A ride along the route selected by the judges of the Christmas decorations contests is guaranteed to put anyone in a holiday spirit. The itinerary includes commercial store, window display and private home winners. The route follows: Park Square, up North Street, along Tyler Street and Dalton Avenue, throughout the streets in that area. Returning by Tyler, go up North, over Hancock Road cutting through the Onota Street section out to the end of West Street. Retrace on West up through the commercial section for the high school student displays in the windows. Then go down East Street out over Elm, south over the parkways through the streets in the Root playground area, Beverly Street, Emerson Avenue and Revilla Terrace.

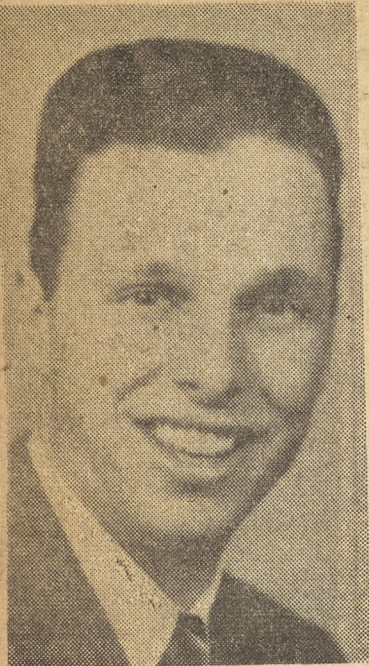
## Skiing, Skating Warning Issued

Two safety warnings on skiing and skating were issued by the Parks and Recreation Department today. Parents are urged to caution their children about skiing across streets, especially near the junction of Benedict Road and Dalton Avenue. Snow and darkness, and dark clothing of children makes it difficult for drivers to see the skiers.

Skating on ponds because the city rinks are not yet operating is dangerous since many of the ponds are spring-fed, causing holes in some spots. The Springside skating area is in good condition now, and the Common is almost already.



## Snow Queen Contest Opens With Dinner Monday Night



Russell D. Bousquet



Miss Rose M. Stomski

The annual snow queen contest will begin at a dinner Monday night at 6.30 in the Sheraton Hotel with nine contestants trying for a total of \$310 in prizes. Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski are chairmen of the contest which will end Jan. 24.

Representatives of The Eagle, Radio Stations WBEC and WBRK, and the Parks and Recreation Department which is sponsoring the contest will be invited to the banquet. Also present as guests will be members of the winter sports committee and William F. Plouffe, official photographer of the contest.

The contest rules will be explained and an initial distribution of buttons will be made. As in past years, the pins will cost 25 cents apiece. The girl selling most pins will be crowned snow queen at the winter carnival ball Feb. 4 in the Sheraton Hotel ballroom.

Besides the honor of being queen, the winner will receive \$100 and a gown to be donated by a local

retailer, and possibly some other prizes to be announced later. The second highest total will earn the contestant \$75, third will get \$50, fourth is \$25 and the other five will be given \$15 each.

Relative standings of the contestants will be published periodically, but no individual totals will be given until the close of the contest. During the third week of the contest a \$25 savings bond will be given the girl who sells the most buttons that week.

At the banquet each girl will be given 500 buttons to sell anywhere she is able. Returns will be made at the Park Department office any afternoon after that from 5 to 6 and additional buttons will be available in lots of 100.

Part of the money obtained from the button sale will be used to defray expenses of the winter carnival. The surplus will go into a fund to provide transportation and other necessary expenses for local athletes to compete in out-of-town meets.

## Carols Ring Tonight Over City's Square

Bugles and drums will rend the cold night air over Park Square this evening when the Berkshire Ranger Drum and Bugle Corps of North Adams will help inter-city good will and enliven the family carol sing.

### Program Starts at 7.15

The drum and buglers will serenade the Park Square carolers with some carols of their own, beginning at 7.15, it was announced today. Boasting special valves in their bugles that can handle most of the sharps and flats, the volunteer musicians, headed by Darcy Davis, will also play children's songs like "The Parade of Wooden Soldiers."

The drum corps will play between sings. The sing will be led by the Orpheus Male Chorus.

The carols, in the order in which words will be flashed on the screen, are: "Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "The First Noel."

Christmas movies will precede the sing, starting at 6.45. Movies and carols for the entire family, the sponsors promise. The movie shorts will be: "Present for Santa," "Santa's Punch and Judy," "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and "Merry Christmas."

Before the family sing in the center of the city, neighbors in the Wellesley Park area, including Williams Street and Pomeroy Avenue, will hold their 19th annual Christmas Eve carol gathering. Beginning at 6 the neighborhood will gather in the park to sing and greet Santa as he swoops down to give gifts to the kids. One of the Hammond organs in the neighborhood will be piped out to the park

air. Jimmy Sullivan will play the organ and Curt M. Cederstrom will lead the singing.

Other smaller neighborhood affairs are scheduled for various parts of the city and county, with many other families due to gather around their pianos at home to usher in the holiday with song and tree-trimming spirit.

## Skating Promised 12/20 Today at Two Parks

Notwithstanding a climb in temperature, the Parks and Recreation Department announced early this afternoon that it was confident there would be skating on the Common and Springside Park throughout the day. It said the ice in both places still is firm.

Providing there is no full-sized thaw, both rinks will remain open under supervision tomorrow. The daily schedule is as follows: Common, 9.30 AM to 10 PM; Springside, 9.30 AM to 9.30 PM.

## Skiing Meet Canceled

The Saranac Lake Skating meet, in which the Pittsfield Skating Club had arranged to compete tomorrow and Sunday, has been postponed indefinitely because of the rain. The Pittsfield club had planned to take 29 skaters to the meet in defense of the title won last year.

## Skating Washed Out; Skiing, Coasting At Two Parks

Put the ice skates away for awhile. None of the city rinks is in shape. But coasting, tobogganing and skiing will be supervised at Springside and Clapp Parks all week long.

The heavy rain washed away the ice, down through the base and there is no telling when skating will be possible again, John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, said today.

The above areas will be open daily through Friday from 3 to 5.30 and 6 to 9.30. On Saturday, it will be 9.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 9.30. On Sunday, the hours will be 12 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 9.30.



**PARK SQUARE CAROL SING:** About 200 braved near-zero temperature to participate in the community carol sing Christmas Eve in Park Square. The Berkshire Ranger Drum and Bugle Corps kept the frost-bitten crowd in good spirits prior to the start of the program which was scheduled for 6.45 but didn't get going until 7.20. Twenty-two members of the Orpheus Male Chorus under the direction of Morton Wayne led the carolers. The moving picture show which concluded the program was curtailed because of the cold. The sing was sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks and Recreation Department.





**ONE WILL BE QUEEN:** The 1949 candidates for queen of the annual winter sports carnival gathered yesterday for their first instructions from Co-chairmen Russell Bousquet and Rose Stomski, at right. Standing are Jane Wowk, Carole Gerlach, Phyllis Mlynarczyk, Dianne Shuster and Kay Althizer. Seated are Dot Ellis, Dot Fairman, Anne Beckman and Connie Biedrzcki. 12/28

## Perry to Sloper Shovel Pass Intercepted Near Goal Line

A proposed order transferring jurisdiction over some 15 public grass plots throughout the city from the Park Department to the Public Works Department ran into some unexpected opposition at the City Council's session last night.

After a 15-minute debate, during which both Public Works Commissioner Archie K. Sloper and Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry both expressed their views on the measure, the Council voted unanimously to send it to the Committee on Public Works for further study.

The order was filed with the Council last week by Mayor Capelles at the request of the Park Commission. He described the 15 grass plots, which have been turned over to the commission over a long period of years, as "parks in name only" and said that their control should properly go with city streets that they adjoin.

### Perry's Personnel Problem

Superintendent Perry told the Council last night that he can't spare the personnel currently charged with the grass plots' upkeep and added that placing such

areas under public works jurisdiction is now accepted practice in most cities. Commissioner Sloper, whose department would prefer not to take on this extra headache, replied that he has neither the men nor the equipment to do the job properly. He said that minimum upkeep would require placing a three-man crew armed with a power mower on duty six months of the year.

Councilman McGovern suggested that the Park Commission might be able to cut its budget for 1949 if the transfers are effected, but Superintendent Perry assured him that the personnel would be quickly absorbed elsewhere in his department. Councilman Purnell commented that "adopting the order will mean more equipment and more personnel" and added that "it's high time we started putting the brakes on unnecessary expenses."

Out of towners also make themselves felt in local sports and here are greetings to some of them—Albert E. Houghton, Schenectady, president of the Canadian-American League; Jack Halpin, Schenectady, league secretary; Glenn L. Martin, the Baltimore airplane builder who thinks Amsterdam has a lot of fine athletes among its youngsters; Don Leip, Fort Plain; Johnny Siedlecki, Johnstown High coach; George Nelson, Schenectady, who helps make the Saratoga track sound good all year; Jim McLeod, Little Rock, Ark., 1948 Rugmaker manager; Bill Stillman, Broadalbin High court coach; Albert Gaucher and Armand Martel, French-writing sports experts in Three Rivers, Que.

Eddie Sawyer, who rose from managing the Rugmakers to the same job with the Philadelphia Phillies; American League Umpire Joe Paparella, George Miller and Bill Pope, Albany; Jackson Perry, former local recreation superintendent doing a terrific job in Pittsfield, Mass.; John M. Flynn, Berkshire Eagle sports editor in Pittsfield, and our other colleagues in covering the Can-Am, Francis Regan, Rome; Walt Hine, Bill Evans and Clarence Slade, Gloversville; Gunny Gunthrup and Steve Shields, Oneonta; Al DeSantis, John Bonafacio, Jack Hugerich, Hal Buell, Schenectady; Joe Golden, now making hay down in Hickory, N. C.

And there are—Roy Shudt in Albany, Jack "Peerless" McGrath of the Record papers in Troy; Jimmy "New York News" Powers, Davey Guest, Schenectady; Frank Wiswall and Howard DeFietas of Saratoga Raceway; Ben Danforth, Albany Knick News; Gene Martin, New York Yankees' minor league exec; Dick Walsh and Stan Levine of the Albany Times Union; Howie Miller, who left the YMCA here to take over a physical directorship near Boston; Arnie Burdick, up at Syracuse University, and the many guys and gals who keep us up with what our Amsterdam boys and girls are doing in other cities.

## Carnival Queen Contestants Hope To Sell 18,000 Buttons

A total of 18,000 buttons, or 6000 more than were sold last year has been set as the goal of the third annual snow queen contest which began last night with a dinner for the nine contestants in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Sheraton. Also present were members of the snow queen and winter sports committees, which are running the contest under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The contest will end Jan. 24 with selection of the girl who has sold the highest number of buttons. She will be crowned queen at the fourth annual winter carnival ball at the Sheraton Feb. 4.

### Contestants Named

Individual pictures and personality shorts about contestants will be carried in The Eagle soon and each will be interviewed over Stations WBEC and WBRK. The girls drew numbers to determine the sequence in which their pictures will be printed. They will appear in the following order: Dorothy M. Ellis, sister of Mrs. Frederick J. McCullough of 55 Appleton Avenue; Dianne D. Shuster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Plotzky, 31 Thomson Place; Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Mlynarczyk; Jane Wowk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wowk, 21 Abbott Street.

The others are Connie T. Biedrzcki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biedrzcki, 114 Seymour Street; Catherine E. A. Althizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Althizer, 108 Benedict Road; Anne E. Beckmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August W. Beckmann; Dorothy J. Fairman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm K. Fairman, Worthington; and Carole M. Gerlach, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Ernest Gerlach, 17 Atwood Avenue.

Russell D. Bousquet, cochairman of the contest with Miss Rose M. Stomski, introduced the speakers. Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, explained that approximately \$4200 was collected in last year's button sale. The money was used for promotion of winter sports activities including sending Nancy Ann Viner and Verne Goodwin, crack skater and skier, to national events.

The Park Department contributed \$200 or \$300 for those activities, the rest was from the button sales. He also said the committee hopes to begin building a kitty for the North American skating championship here in 1951. If held, it will cost from \$3500 to \$5000.

### Committeemen Speak

It was pointed out that 6000 buttons were sold in the first four days last year, with Miss Carolyn A. Budrow finally winning with a total of 3226 sales. Besides Mr. Perry and Miss Budrow, the following winter sports committeemen spoke: Francis E. Douglas, president; Miss Anne J. Rosenthal, treasurer; Mrs. Willard D. Bridgman, secretary; John C. Seeley, treasurer of the queen contest, and Raymond S. Gowdy, president of the Greylock Ski Club, also spoke.

Other guests present were: Dan Healey, Station WBRK; Ralph R. Renzi, The Eagle; Mrs. Perry; Mrs. Gowdy; Miss Dorothy B. McGee, chairman of publicity and her assistant, John A. Massimiano; and William F. Plouffe, official photographer.

The buttons, to be sold at 25 cents apiece, have a green-figured skater in the center with the circular inscription: Fourth Annual Winter Carnival, Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1949.

## Hockey Opener Is Postponed

The Senior City Hockey League's opening double-header, slated for the Common this evening, has been postponed until Sunday afternoon because of the rain.

Lahey's Launderettes will oppose the Maple Leafs in the first match at 2.15. The Black Hawks and the Bruins will be the principals in the second.





**ROAD FOR A TRACTOR:** When a Parks and Recreation Department tractor fell into Pontoosuc Lake yesterday afternoon, a channel had to be cut through the ice to the shore before the machine could be pulled in by a wrecker with a long cable. 12/29/49

## Full Program of Skating Assured, Thanks to Flood 1/4/49

Ice skates will flash throughout Pittsfield—as soon as the weatherman decides to co-operate. The Public Works Department has given permission to flood the available rinks and a force of men is ready to do the work. But colder weather is necessary for good ice making.

A start was made last night when the park workers sprayed fair bases at Clapp Park and the Common, working from about 5 yesterday until 7 this morning. And Deming and Wahconah parks will be sprayed from 10 tonight until thermometer hits the predicted low of 12 degrees.

How soon all 13 rinks will be ready depends on several days of cold weather with about five degrees above zero as the optimum temperature. Another factor is the

small crew of 22 men who are used on a rotating system, because ice is best made at night. They are handicapped further since they have only 2200 feet of hose. A good base has to be made so that in case of snow, tractors will be able to operate without breaking through the ice and digging up sod.

## Winter Carnival Gets \$125 From John Jay Movies

A profit of \$125 was made on the John Jay films shown last month in preparation for the winter carnival Jan. 29 through Feb. 5, it was announced at last night's meeting of the winter sports committee.

The committee considered the program one of the most outstanding, because so many people praised the films. More skiing and skating films will be shown at the Berkshire Museum during winter carnival week.

George F. Maynard reported that 450 entry blanks have been sent to clubs in the United States and Alaska for the national junior downhill and slalom championship races Feb. 26 and 27 on Mount Greylock. Verne Goodwin and Caroline Talbot are the only Berkshire County skiers eligible to compete. Winthrop P. Gutmann, Sydney Anderson, Willard Bridgman and Mr. Maynard will be the official committee for acceptance of entries.

Dr. James W. O'Hearn, chairman of the semiformal winter carnival ball at the Hotel Sheraton Feb. 4 from 9 to 1 with Sammy Vincent's Orchestra, will meet next Thursday to complete plans for the ball and coronation of the snow queen.

## Speedskaters To Discuss Member Drive 1/3/49

Plans for a membership drive Wednesday afternoon and for the Eastern States meet at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., this week end will be made at a meeting tonight at 7.15 of the Pittsfield Speedskating Club in the Park Department office on School Street.

To meet the expense of transporting almost triple the number of last year's contestants, dollar memberships are being sold. Twenty of the 29 skaters will be in uniforms belonging to the club. Money collected will also go toward 10 additional uniforms purchased this year. The club, now numbering 50, is aiming for the 300 mark.

The meet Saturday and Sunday will be the first of the season. The Dec. 26 Glens Falls, N.Y., meet was postponed to Jan. 23 because of lack of ice, and last week-end's meet at Saranac Lake, N.Y., was canceled because of rain. It will be held later this year if a meet further south is canceled leaving an open date.

## Snow Queen Buttons Are Going Faster Than Last Week's Pgy

Those 25-cent buttons for the snow queen contest are going as fast as the ice did last week from local rinks. In the first week a total of 7000 (2000 more than last year) has been sold. The figure is more than half the total sale of 12,000 buttons last year, and more than one-third this year's goal of 18,000.

Although a limited number of buttons are on hand, there are enough to carry the contestants until Wednesday when another batch will come in, Miss Rose M. Stomski, co-chairman of the contest with Russell D. Bousquet, said today.

So far, Miss Jane Wowk is leading the field, with the Misses Carole M. Gerlach and Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk tied for second. Individual totals will be announced at the end of the contest Jan. 24, with the queen to be crowned Feb. 4.

The contestants will be interviewed over both local radio stations beginning this afternoon. On Station WBEC from 5-5.30, the following will appear: Catherine E. A. Althizer, Jan. 4; Jane Wowk, Jan. 5; Connie T. Biedrzcki, Jan. 6; Anne E. Beck-

mann, Jan. 7; Dorothy J. Fairman, Jan. 11; Carole M. Gerlach, Jan. 12; Dianne D. Shuster, Jan. 13; Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk, Jan. 14; and Dorothy M. Ellis, Jan. 18.

The sequence on Station WBRK from 6.45-7 will be: Miss Ellis, Jan. 4; Miss Mlynarczyk, Jan. 5; Miss Shuster, Jan. 6; Miss Gerlach, Jan. 7; Miss Fairman, Jan. 10; Miss Beckmann, Jan. 11; Miss Biedrzcki, Jan. 12; Miss Wowk, Jan. 13; and Miss Althizer, Jan. 14.

## 20 Prizes Offered For Ice Fishing Derby, Jan. 30 1/4/49

About 20 prizes will be awarded in two divisions of the ice fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake, Sunday Jan. 30, as part of the winter carnival, it was announced last night by cochairmen Harry E. and Robert G. Stafford.

One division will be for children 15 years of age and under, while the other will be for 16 and up. Contestants will be allowed to begin any time that day, but all must stop at 4 PM for the weighing which will be done by conservation officers who have volunteered their services. The Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club recently announced its support of the derby and 10 of the directors volunteered their services.

The event is open to all Berkshire County residents. Prizes will be offered for catches of bass, perch and pickerel.

Only those who have registered in advance will be allowed to participate for the prizes which are being donated by local merchants. Anyone interested may register at the Park Department office on School Street. Several have applied already.

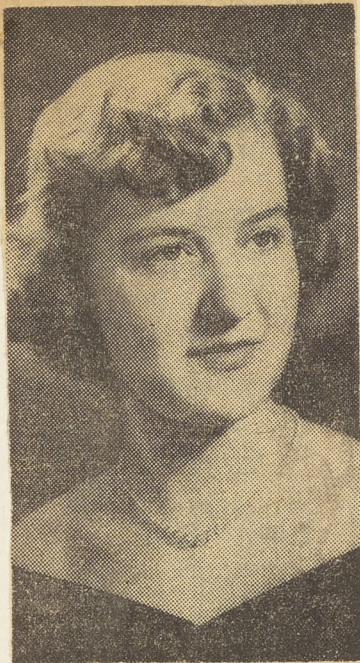
## Old Number Plates To Be Salvaged by Sunshine Club 1/3

Last year's license plate may be worthless to you, but it will help the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club which is conducting a scrap drive to get money for a movie projector. A bin has been placed in City Hall Park, and motorists are asked to drop their old plates there for collection. Young members of the club will call at the home of any motorist to pick up the plates if a call is made to the Park Department office on School Street.

The club members show pictures to shut-ins with the aid of the Park Department projector. But they feel having a projector of their own will avoid a conflict in dates so that scheduled movies will not have to be postponed if the department machine is unavailable.



**Snow Queen  
Contestants (1)**



Miss Dorothy M. Ellis

Miss Dorothy M. Ellis, a native of Wells, Vt., graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1947. She attended grammar school in Granville and Salem, N.Y., and junior high in Bridgeport, Conn. She worked two summers at Idlewild Park, Wells, Vt., in a summer resort owned by her family, and from then on for the Manuel Rockwood Photographic Studio in Greenwich, N.Y., before starting in at the local General Electric Company last June. A member of the Young Adult Group of the Pilgrim Memorial Church, Miss Ellis lives with her married sister, Mrs. Frederick J. McCullough of 55 Appleton Avenue.

**Snow Queen  
Contestants (3)**



Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk

Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk, a payroll clerk in the General Electric Company's chemicals division of the chemical department, is now tied for second place in the queen contest. A graduate of Mercer, Central and Pittsfield High School, the 20-year-old girl is a member of Sigma Gamma sorority, and is a past officer of the Delta Tri-Hi-Y. Miss Mlynarczyk is a member of the Greylock Ski Club and last year was chosen queen of the Plastics Athletic Association. She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Mlynarczyk at 47 Kent Avenue.

**Snow Queen  
Contestants (4)**



Miss Jane Wowk

Miss Jane Wowk, a stenographer at the east plant of the General Electric, was leading the contestants after the first week of the sale. No standings have been released since then. A native of Pittsfield, Miss Wowk has a twin brother, John. The 19-year-old contestant is a graduate of Tucker and Pittsfield High Schools. She is a member of the Greylock Ski Club and works part time as a sales clerk at Wowk's Jewelers on North Street. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wowk of 37 Abbott Street.

**4th ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL  
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1st Annual Ice Fishing Derby  
PONTOOSUC LAKE, JANUARY 30, 1949**

**ENTRY CARD**

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Address .....

Age ..... Telephone Number .....

Sponsored by the  
City-Wide Winter Sports Committee,  
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**ENTRY FEE**

Adults 50 Cents - - - Children No Charge

**Derby Record**

Number Weight

Perch .....

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Total Weight .....

No 1



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**1948**  
**Christmas Exterior Decorations**  
**CERTIFICATE**

This Certifies that.....  
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Chairman Park Commission

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Supt. of Parks & Recreation





**THE WINNER:** A 16-pipe organ, complete with choir boys and a brightly lighted tree in the background, won top honors for Armand C. Vernier of 414 Dalton Avenue in the Park and Recreation Department's annual competition for the city's most original home Christmas decorations. Runners-up in the contest were John H. Robinson of 1068 North Street and John J. Quinn of 116 Connecticut Avenue.

## Hollywood To Sponsor Junior Club

### Healy Lists Plans for Ambitious Program Next Summer

Sponsorship of a 24-player junior baseball squad, coached by Dan Healy, was announced last night by the New Hollywood Grill. Proprietors Joe and Louis Sibbio disclosed their plans at a cocktail party at their place of business.

Louis Sibbio said he had decided to support an ambitious junior program rather than to have an entry in the City Baseball League. His Hollywoods won both the regular season pennant and the post-season play-offs last season in the senior league.

Healy outlined a tentative 16-game home schedule, which included bookings with outstanding junior teams from Bridgeport, New York and Brooklyn. He said he hoped to have about a dozen twi-night double-headers and three or four Sunday programs.

Actually, the Hollywood club will be last year's WBRK Junior City League team plus five new men. Healy revealed that the players will be divided into varsity and junior varsity groups for the inter-city play. Double-headers will be arranged so that every boy will have a chance to compete.

The Hollywoods also will compete in the Junior City League.

## Winter Sports Areas Closed for Present 1/6

Wet weather has caused the closing down of all winter sports areas supervised by the Parks and Recreation Department, and Superintendent Jackson J. Perry said the areas will not reopen until further notice. A heavy snowfall will be needed for coasting and tobogganing and several days' freezing weather must come for ice-making.

## Local Skaters Washed Out For Third Time

For the third successive week end, the Pittsfield Parks Speed-skating Club will be inactive. Word was received today that because of heavy rains, the 17th annual Eastern States championship meet, scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., has been postponed.

The next stop for the local blade enthusiasts is at Newburgh, N.Y., Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15 and 16. If they get it in, it will be their season opener.

## WBEC To Interview Anne E. Beckmann

Miss Anne E. Beckmann will be the fourth contestant to be interviewed over Station WBEC's Mac McGarry show from 5 to 5:30 this afternoon. Miss Carole M. Gerlach will be interviewed on Station WBRK's 6:45 "Dance Time" show.

## Square Dance Tonight

Flood or no flood, the square dancers will be at it again tonight. The Park Department has announced that the regular Saturday night square dance will be held at the State Armory from 8 to 11:45.

## Stove Wanted For Clapp Park 1/6

Most of the snow is gone, and the winter sports areas are closed temporarily, but William A. Fitzgerald, park foreman, is still asking for a wood-burning stove to be used in the warming house at Clapp Park. Mr. Fitzgerald knows that Berkshire County weather can be relied on to produce a few more cold days, and the warming house will be uncomfortable unless a stove is procured. Anyone willing to donate one is asked to call the Park Department, 9797, and someone will pick it up.

## Miss Connie Biedrzcki On WBEC Tonight

Miss Connie T. Biedrzcki, who was tied for third place in the last standings announced in the queen contest, will be the third contestant to be interviewed over Station WBEC's Mac McGarry show from 5 to 5:30 tonight. Miss Dianne D. Shuster will be interviewed on Station WBRK's 6:45 "Dance Time" show.

## Golden Age Club Meeting Postponed 1/6

The organizational meeting of the Golden Age Club, scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed until Tuesday afternoon at 3, Jan. 25. Members of the College Club's community service group, which is cosponsoring the club with the Parks and Recreation Department, will meet tonight at 8 in the Park Department office to plan the next session.

The postponement was necessitated by a failure to send out the introductory fliers to prospective members over 60. When held, the organization meeting will include games, movies and discussion of future plans. The Park Department will provide transportation for those who need it that day.

## Skating Good On Common and At Springside 12/27

The ice is very nice today, and that means skating.

Good conditions for the flying blades were reported this noon by the Parks and Recreation Department's athletic director, John A. Massimiano, at the Common and Springside Park.

Departmental ice-makers were busy at the Common this morning at 6, and completed their work at 9. This session culminated busy building periods Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Daily supervised schedules will be followed at both places all week. Hours at the Common will be 9:30 AM to 10 PM, and at Springside from 9:30 AM to 10 PM.

The Pittsfield High hockey team will practice on the Common tomorrow morning from 9:30 to noon.

## Hockey Meeting 1/6

The Senior City Hockey League will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Park Department office. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, has asked all managers to bring their entry fees.

## News Picture

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

I was interested in the picture you published Dec. 29 showing efforts being made to pull the tractor out of Pontoosuc Lake where it had gone through the ice. Ten men were doing the heavy looking on; two men were doing the work. A splendid way to reduce taxes.

MANLEY T. FAIRFIELD, Lenox.





**BOBBY'S SCRAP BOOK:** Little Bobby Kidney, young Madison Avenue polio victim, receives a scrap book made by Tommy Atkins, of the "Story Book Lady" television cast at Station WRGB in Schenectady, N.Y. The loose-leaf book is about 12 by 15 inches and has 25 pages full of pictures taken in and around Station WRGB with autographed notes of encouragement from the cast. Making the presentation for the station was Frank A. Woodhead, president of the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce. The others around Bobby are: Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department; Robert G. Stafford, head of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, and Mr. and Mrs. Kidney, Bobby's parents. The presentation was made yesterday afternoon.

## Park Workmen Engage in Summer Jobs 1/8

It's June in January for the Park Department's maintenance crew which is using the present lull in winter sports activities to clean, paint and repair equipment to be used next summer. Ordinarily, the 16 workers are busy making ice, but the weatherman has refused to co-operate, so they are using the time in painting the 300 barrels and the runways used in the docks at Pontoosuc Lake.

They also painted some 2600 bleachers and are working on 3000 more. Part of the crew took down the Christmas trees and decorations in Park Square and now are checking the 13 skating areas for the advent of cold weather. Two wood-burning stoves were donated this week by local citizens for use at skating areas but a few more stoves are still needed. The workers are also checking over the swings, chains, slides and teeter boards to be used next year.

Park Foreman William F. Fitzgerald has the men (in their spare time) busy chopping up kindling wood at the Springside House, for use at the winter centers. The wood is taken from Clapp and Springside Parks where the workers clean out dead trees and thin out the crowded sections.

## Dorothy Fairman On WBEC Tonight

Miss Dorothy J. Fairman will be interviewed over Station WBEC's Mac McGarry show from 5 to 5:30 this afternoon and Miss Anne E. Beckmann will be interviewed on Station WBRK's "Dance Time" show from 6:45 to 7.

## Local Boys Have Funny Road Work For Golden Gloves 1/2

Two Pittsfield golden gloves entries this week had a peculiar form of road work in preparation for the amateur boxing tournament.

Slated to compete in the big sectional meet at Lowell Monday night, Eugene Mazza, 147, and Dominick Discani, 126, arrived in that city early in the afternoon. They were told that the meet had been set back a week.

So they'll return next week. They made the trip back to Pittsfield that night at the expense of the promoter. He insisted on doing it, for he held himself responsible for the slip-up in notification.

## Weather and Men Needed for Ice This Week End 1/2

Local rinks may not be ready for skating this week end due to lack of help and an inconsiderate weather man. The maintenance crew under Park Foreman William F. Fitzgerald sprayed the Common, Clapp, Deming and Coolidge last night, but lack of workers necessitated cutting off spraying at Deming and Coolidge this morning. The men will resume spraying all four areas tonight at 7. The weatherman provided 15-degree temperatures for last night (10 degrees is optimum) and "seasonable temperatures" are promised the rest of this week. Therefore, if a few persons interested in maintenance work apply to the Park Department on School Street, the ice-making may go along faster than expected.

## Ice-Making Slowed 1/2 By Lack of Help and Low Temperatures

Ice-making is still a slow proposition because the expected low temperature and additional workers failed to materialize last night. But the Park Department's maintenance workers labored around the clock starting at 7 last night on the Common, Clapp, Coolidge and Deming. Lack of help meant Deming was slighted early this morning, but some work was done on the others. Anyone interested in a maintenance job should notify the Park Department at 9797.

Parents in the Springside Park area are asked to help the skating cause by requesting their children not to throw stones and sticks on the pond to check the thickness of the ice. Quite a few obstructions are half-frozen in the surface and it will complicate maintenance of the skating area with the advent of colder weather.

## Springside Club To Issue Weekly 1/1

The first issue of a weekly newspaper to be published by the Junior Country Club set at the Springside House, will be published Jan. 28, with Allyn O'Brien as editor. The plans were made at a meeting Saturday morning in the Park Department, with Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, in charge.

Deadline for material will be Jan. 24, and each paper will cost less than five cents. Mimeographing will be done in the Park Department, with issues scheduled for the last Friday of each month at the regular dance in Springside House.

The other members of the newspaper staff are: Jack Bergeron, illustrator; Frances Berry, advertising; Rafaella Cultrero, jokes; and Edward Delusky, essays, short stories and poems.

## Park Board Seeks Capital Budget Funds

**Wants \$15,000 1/1 For Lighting and \$4000 for Toilets**

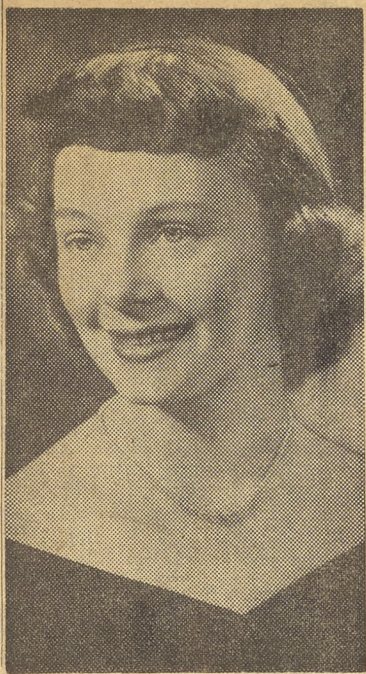
Expenditures of \$15,000 for the Wahconah Park lighting system and \$4000 for installation of better toilet facilities at the same park will be requested by the Park Commission as capital outlay projects for 1949, Monroe B. England, commission chairman, disclosed today. He emphasized that neither item will be included in the department's regular budget.

Discussion on both projects was the main business at the commission's meeting last night. Only three members, Mr. England, William J. Carrigan, and Michael L. Foley, were present.

The commission voted to table "for a short time" a request by the Tyler Aces' football team for home dates at Wahconah Park in the fall of 1949.



## Snow Queen Contestants (5)



Miss Connie T. Biedrzcki Plouffe 1/8

Miss Connie T. Biedrzcki, is a graduate of Mercer, Central and Pittsfield High Schools. She was chaplain of the Delta Tri-Hi-Y while in high school. A clerk at the Prudential Insurance Company, the 21-year-old contestant worked for some time at Besse-Clarke. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biedrzcki of 114 Seymour Street.

## Snow Queen Contestants (6) 1/10



Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer Plouffe

Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, an employee of England Brothers, is a graduate of Crane, Adams and Pittsfield High Schools and the Pittsfield Secretarial School. A member of the YMCA, the 21-year-old snow queen contestant has worked for Fanny Farmer's, Liggetts, and as a dental assistant for Dr. George J. Hashim. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Althizer of 108 Benedict Road.

## Snow Queen Contestant (7) 1/11



Miss Anne E. Beckmann Plouffe

Miss Anne E. Beckmann, a 17-year-old senior at Pittsfield High School, is president of the home retailing course there, and an employee of Sears, Roebuck & Company, as part of her course. She attended Russell and Central Junior High Schools and took the commercial course in her sophomore and junior years. She plays basketball at the Girls' League. Miss Beckmann and her twin sister live with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August W. Beckmann at 60 Lenox Avenue.

## Snow Queen<sup>45</sup> Button Sale Going Strong

Miss Mlynarczyk  
And Jane Wowk  
Tied for First 1/8

The button sale in the snow queen contest has reached the half-way mark with 9000 of the 25-cent items sold by the potential queens. At last night's report the committee had exhausted its supply of 12,000 buttons, but another 6000 came in early this morning and another 2000 are on order. The contestants may pick up additional buttons this afternoon at the Park Department.

A dinner-banquet will be held for the queens and snow-queen committee Monday night at 6.30 in the Rainbow Restaurant, marking the half-way point of the contest. Questions about procedure will be answered and the queens will be given tips about future events where they may be able to sell more buttons.

The Misses Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk and Jane Wowk are tied for first place with Miss Carole M. Gerlach in third. Following a new system, the co-chairmen, Miss Rose M. Stomski and Russell D. Bousquet, are releasing the names of only the three top candidates with no individual totals.

In past years, it was discovered that some of the girls became discouraged when one candidate got an early large lead. This contest has been very close with several tied for different places.

The button sale so far has exceeded all expectations. The 9000 total is one-half again as much as sold during the entire 1947 contest and is two-thirds of the total sale last year. The 1947 total was 6000, last year was 12,000 and this contest is geared to sell 18,000.

A special contest will be held next week with a \$25 bond to be given to the girl with the most sales in the seven-day period. The bond will be awarded the same night as the crowning of the queen, Feb. 4, at the fourth annual winter carnival ball in the Hotel Sheraton. The button sale ends Jan. 24.

## Snow Queen Button Funds Help Pay for Winter Sports 1/11

Those 25-cent buttons being sold by the nine snow-queen contestants travel a long way, but not so far as the money they bring.

The life of a button begins in Rochester, N.Y., where the Bastian Brothers Company strikes them off. The buttons come to Pittsfield in lots of 1000 and are sorted into packets of 100 for distribution to the contestants.

By now, you are liable to find the button salesman popping up anywhere from bowling alleys to theatres, dances, and restaurants, because each girl has a corps of friends helping her toward that envied goal of queen.

Total expenses of the contest are expected to hit about \$1400. That includes the prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 and five \$15 with an \$18.75 bond for the best bond-week salesgirl. Photographic work is expected to hit about \$150 and then there are a couple of banquets.

Each button costs four cents, and Russell D. Bousquet, cochairman of the contest with Miss Rose M. Stomski, figures the expenses will take about 7½ cents out of each button sold.

In 1947 the button sale took in about \$1300, with expenses of \$560, and the rest went to the winter carnival; while last year \$3016 was collected against \$1200 expenses and the rest was given for winter carnival expenses and activities.

### Where the Money Goes

Some of the money goes for winter carnival expenses, but the bulk is used to further winter sports locally and to send promising athletes to out-of-town competitions. The winter sports committee used \$150 so that Pittsfield's crack skier,

Verne Goodwin, could go to the National Jumping Meet in Duluth, Minn., and about \$300 to send little Nancy Ann Viner to Alpena, Mich., and St. Paul, Minn., where she could collect the North American and National skating championships.

In addition, the committee hopes to start building a kitty for the North American outdoor speed-skating championships which are tentatively slated for Pittsfield in 1951. If held, they will cost from \$3500 to \$5000.

Besides being available at the Park Department, the 25-cent buttons with a green-figured skater in the center and a circular inscription: Fourth Annual Winter Carnival, Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1949, may be picked up wherever the contestants work. That includes: General Electric, Prudential Insurance, High School and Oasis, Sears, Roebuck, Western Massachusetts Electric and England Brothers. Or, just walk along the street—some pretty girl or one of her aides will collar you for sure.

## Three Ski Films To Be Shown Here Feb. 2 1/10

Three color films on skiing and mountain-climbing, plus short subjects on hockey and figure-skating, will be presented at the winter carnival movie show at the Berkshire Museum theatre Feb. 2.

One of the films, "Ski Pros' Holiday," shows four professional skiers, Herbert Schneider, Gerry Everell, Arnold Choquette and Bill Wellman, on a long climb to the top of a mountain, and their run down through snowfields, canyons and timber territory. There is no voice track in the film; the entire action is sustained by a musical score.

Another of the features shows the first winter ascent of Mount Bulyea Banff, British Columbia: The climbers take pack horses to the timber line and reach the summit on foot and on skis. This picture was taken by Luggi Foegger, director of the Yosemite ski school.

The last and longest of the three color films portrays Rhona and Rhoda Wurtele, twin Canadian ski aces, in a training session with other top-ranking skiers near Bow Valley in the Canadian Rockies. Under the direction of Toni Matt, they work on slalom technique and rhythm exercises, run a slalom race and end the seminar with a trip down Mount Athabasca and across the Columbia ice fields.

There will be two showings of the films: At 4 and 8 P.M. Admission at the afternoon show will be 25 cents for children, 50 cents for adults. All tickets will be 50 cents at night, when all seats will be reserved.

## Ball Tickets Placed on Sale

Winter Carnival  
Dance To Feature  
Queen Coronation 1/10

Tickets for the fourth annual winter carnival ball, Feb. 4 in the Hotel Sheraton, went on sale today at the Park Department office and from members of the winter carnival committee. Other locations for ticket sales will be announced soon.

High light of the ball will be the crowning of the snow queen on the basis of this month's sale of buttons. Sammy Vincent's orchestra will play from 9 to 1 and dress will be semiformal. The committee hopes to make the affair a money-making venture, which hasn't been true in the past. Any surplus will be used to promote more winter sports activities in Pittsfield and also for defraying part of the expenses of Pittsfield entrants to out-of-town skiing and skating meets.

Chairman of the carnival ball, Dr. James W. O'Hearn, has announced the following committee to help him: Russell D. Bousquet, Howard D. Sammis, and the Misses Ann L. Bossidy, Nancy B. Knoblock, Ann J. Rosenthal, Rose M. Stomski and Anna M. Walsh.



# 15 Schools Enter Ski Meet Here

## Pittsfield High Defends Title in Interscholastics 1/19

Pittsfield High School's defending champions will be competing against 14 other schools in the Berkshire interscholastic ski meet at the Pittsfield State Forest Feb. 4 and 5.

The meet will decide the county-wide school title as well as interscholastic champion in each of the four events and combined champion. Last year Pittsfield won the team crown and Verne Goodwin of this city won the downhill, slalom and cross-country and combined title. Ted Farwell of Turners Falls took the jumping.

This year Deerfield Academy, Hotchkiss, Berkshire and Kingswood Schools are expected to provide stiff competition. Other schools entered are Choate, Bennington, Lenox, Drury, Adams, Darrow, Turners Falls, Williamstown, Nott Terrace and Williston.

The meet will open Friday, Feb. 4, at 10.30 AM with the cross-country race. The slalom will be at 2 PM. Officials for both races: Chief of course, Winthrop P. Gutmann; chief timer, William Nesbit; recorder, Mrs. Ida Fosty. Chief starter for the slalom will be Orville Wilkinson.

The downhill will be Saturday morning at 10.30, followed by the jumping at 2. Officials for the downhill: Chief starter, Anthony A. Tiezzi; official timer, Max Sauter; check timer, Arthur Howe; recorder, Mrs. Fosty; chief of course, Mr. Gutmann. Jumping officials will be: Judges, Lawrence Briggs and Charles L. Parker; official distance recorder, Mr. Howe; chief of hill, Mr. Gutmann.

Official computer and recorder will be George F. (Doc) Maynard and Mrs. Maynard, respectively. The ski patrol will be headed by Mrs. William B. Conover; the refreshment committee by Mrs. Amy West and Mrs. Eleanor Wilde.

The prizes will be awarded by Raymond I. Gowdy, president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club. A. Sydney Anderson is chairman of the race committee.

## Local Boxers Lose in Boston Tournament 1/18

Both of Pittsfield's entries in the New England golden gloves tournament at Boston were eliminated yesterday by technical knockouts, but not until one of them almost clinched his match.

Eugene Mazza, boxing in the 147-pound class, lost with one minute to go in the third round. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Parks and Recreation Department who brought the boys to Boston, explained it was a lucky punch that floored Mazza. The young fighter had his opponent in trouble when a wild punch during a clinch sent him off balance so that his head struck the floor. The referee stopped the fight because Mazza was too dazed to continue.

In the other match, 126-pound Dominic Descani lost in the second round.

The bouts ended at 12.30 this morning and after a short lunch the trio returned to Pittsfield, arriving at 5 this morning. Mr. Massimiano said he plans to bring a full team to the competition next year.



**BOBBY IS REMEMBERED**—Pittsfield, Jan. 9—Frank A. Woodhead, president of the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, today presented to Bobby Kidney a scrap book made for him by Tommy Atkins, the story book lady of television at WGRB in Schenectady, N. Y. In it was a membership card in the WGRB TV Club and pictures and autographs of many of the stars on the station. 1/10

With Bobby in the picture are, left to right: Mr. Woodhead, Jack Perry, commissioner of parks and recreation; Bob Stafford, chairman of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Fund; Mrs. Kidney, Bobby's mother, and Mr. Kidney, his father.

Bobby, who must spend part of each

day in an iron lung in his bedroom, was recently presented a television set by a group from the Park and Recreation Department who have since become the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club. The idea started with a

group of children on a playground who, knowing of Bobby's interest in sports, wanted to buy him a television set.

### \$1200 Collected

The Park and Recreation Department set up a committee headed by Robert Stafford and they set out to collect enough to buy the set through voluntary contributions. When the contributions were in they had totaled well over \$1200.

The committee then began to look around for other shut-ins to comfort. Out of this grew the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club. Today the club has the names of 200 shut-ins who receive a weekly paper. Moving pictures are shown in the homes and one woman recently saw her first talking movie.

The latest project of the club is the collection of 1948 license plates to sell for scrap to buy more projectors for the use in shut-in homes. Local amateur operators have offered their services to the club and every night some shut-in is seeing a movie show. The operator sometimes puts on three shows in an evening.

### Audience Adopts Him

When Bobby was given his television set, the Story Book Lady and the audience of WGRB adopted him and nearly every program has something personal for Bobby. The scrap book presented today takes the young polio victim back of the scenes. Because the Story Book Lady was unable to be here in person the Chamber of Commerce agreed to make the presentation for the General Electric Co., owner of WGRB.

## Program Plans Completed for Winter Carnival 1/18

Final plans for the 16-page program of the fourth annual winter carnival Jan. 29 through Feb. 6, were made last night when 35 members of the winter sports committee met in the Park Department office. The success of the carnival, which will include the National Junior Downhill and Slalom championships on Mount Greylock, the 26th and 27th depends on weather conditions.

Regardless of the weather, ski movies will be shown the first week in February at the Berkshire Museum, Bartlett Hendricks, chairman of the event said. Tickets are available now from committee members or at the museum for both afternoon and evening performances.

Tickets for the carnival ball, when the snow queen will be crowned, Feb. 4 in the Hotel Sheraton from 9 to 1, have gone on sale at: The Hub Restaurant, Sammy Vincent's, Al's Variety, Giftos Variety, Daniels Travel Service, and Damon's drug store; or from any member of the committee. Dr. James W. O'Hearn, chairman, reported an encouraging ticket sale.

Figure skating exhibitions will include the Little Sun Valley Club of Springfield and the Pittsfield Parks Figure Skating Club, Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 PM, at Clapp Park, with Alexander Garnish in charge. Pupils of Clark B. Harding's classes will give an exhibition at his rink on 300 Williams Street.

Tentatively planned is a basketball game on ice, Feb. 1, in conjunction with a snow man contest, both scheduled for Clapp Park at 7 PM. The Berkshire Hills interscholastic ski meet at the State Forest Feb. 5, will start with downhill races at 10.30, followed by jumping at 2.

## 50 Park Leaders Coming Here 1/19 Saturday, Feb. 5

About 50 New England park executives will be disappointed Saturday, Feb. 5, unless the local weatherman remembers what season this is. The group will visit Pittsfield that week end to tour the ski areas, watch the interscholastics at State Forest, and see a demonstration of the rotary brush, planer and plow used to recondition local skating rinks.

They will arrive at noon Saturday, and after the tour, will have a discussion and business meeting. There will be no formal program the following day so that the group can see other aspects of Pittsfield's winter sports activities — Jackson J. Perry, local park superintendent, hopes.

## 110 Participate In Sunshine Club Yule Program

A total of 110 shut-ins participated in the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club Christmas program, chairman Robert C. Stafford reported today.

Members of the committee and Boy Scouts distributed candy and other articles as well as the first edition of the club paper. Under the direction of Mrs. Donald G. MacDonald, corsages were given to the women, and Christmas trees to the men. Judy Fanon and Albert Primmer received stockings filled with presents.

Mrs. William W. Monks and Mr. Stafford each called on five members. The Boy Scouts called on the other 100.



# GALA PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR PITTSFIELD'S

## Pittsfield Junior Ball Loop Plans Star Year

Lou and Joe Sibbio Have Decided to Withdraw the Hollywoods From City League and Take Over WBRK Team; Big Program Now Being Arranged

By E. H. TOOLE

Pittsfield, Jan. 8.—The hot stove league of professional baseball has nothing on the Junior City League here; it now appears, for one of the biggest announcements concerning the circuit operated here by the Department of Parks and Recreation was made available to press and radio representatives at a typical big league buffet lunch and cocktail party Thursday night. The occasion was the party thrown by Lou and Joe Sibbio of the Hollywood Grille to make it known that they have decided to cast their lot with the junior baseball program of this city and are to take over the WBRK team of last summer.

### Won't Sponsor Seniors

Thus it is that two facts have been clearly set forth well in advance of the diamond campaign. One is that the semipro City Baseball League has lost one of its entries as the Hollywood owners definitely will not sponsor a senior team this coming summer, and secondly, that there will be a keen rivalry in the Junior City loop this year. In the past, the Brass Rail has been the lone serious sponsor of the youngsters, but now it seems certain that the Sibbio brothers are going to throw their bankbooks into junior ball, too.

And it will seem odd to follow the City League without Lou Sibbio participating or managing an entry. Back in 1937 and 1938, Lou was a player for the championship Elmvale team that still is referred to as the best semipro team to come out of the Berkshires. Later on he also played with the Mohawk Beverage club in the same league. For the last three seasons the Sibbio boys have had the Hollywood nine entered in the competition, and this past season the team copped the title as well as the post season playoffs. It is no secret to Berkshire fandom that the sponsors were greatly upset over the Holyoke Kacey tournament committee failing to give their club a bid to the Paper City tourney.

The new venture will see the junior tossers coached by Dan Healy, sports announcer of WBRK, who held the reins last summer when the then WBRK Juniors rated second only to the championship Brass Rail combine. This team which is now being taken under the sponsorship of the Hollywood Grille has played together for two seasons, first as a midget nine and a year ago as an entry in the Junior City circuit.

Both Coach Healy and Lou Sibbio have expressed their thought of representing Pittsfield in the All-American Tourney, but at the same time Joe Sammon, another member of the board of strategy, was heard to talk of the Dayton, O., junior event at the reception given the press Thursday night. So it might turn out that the City of Pittsfield will have a junior baseball team competing in each of the national tournaments next August.

### Ambitious Program

Not too much was stated regards to plans for the Junior City League participation, but Coach Healy revealed a most ambitious program that is already being drawn up. It is planned to carry a 24 player squad, and in exhibition games it is to be a policy of the management to book a doubleheader of two seven-inning contests in order that all players may have the opportunity of participating in the national pastime.

Contacts have also been made already towards booking a 16-game schedule of exhibition games on a home-and-home arrangement. Coach Healy also made known at the press conference that tentative bookings have been made with Amsterdam, N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y., Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn., teams. The first two mentioned were in the All American Junior tourney play at Johnstown, Pa., last summer. It is planned to have a number of the games as twilight affairs, with others to be played under the arc lights of Waheconah Park when the Electric of the Can-Am League are on the road.

Attending the press conference at the invitation of the Hollywood management were a number of influential citizens, including Monroe England, chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission; Jackson Perry, superintendent of Recreation, John Massimano, athletic director of the Park and Recreation Department; County Treasurer John Shields, representing the Board of Directors of the Pittsfield Professional Baseball Club corporation; John M. Flynn, sports editor of the Berkshire Eagle; Roger O'Gara of Station WBEC, and this writer representing The Sunday Republican and Morning Union.

**Tude Tanguary  
Will Fiddle  
Fancily Saturday 1/19**

Billed as the world's champion trick "fiddler," Tude Tanguary of Warren, Conn., will give an exhibition of fancy fiddling at the regular dance jamboree in the State Armory Saturday night, under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. Orville (Pop) Smith's orchestra will play from 8 to 11.45. Last week about 255 attended, about 25 more than the preceding week, indicating renewed interest in the square dances, Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, said today.

## JUNIOR CITY

## BASEBALL LEAGUE

## Housing Accommodations Sought for 200 Skaters 1/15

Mrs. William A. Knoblock of 1338 West Street has been appointed chairman of the housing committee for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating meet, Feb. 5 and 6. Francis E. Douglas, chairman of the winter sports committee, in making the appointment said about 200 or more skaters will need accommodations.

Hosts are asked to provide lodging for Saturday night and Sunday morning, with breakfast on Sunday, if possible. Saturday night dinner will be provided by the winter sports committee at a place to be announced later. Last year 95 local residents volunteered to take one or more skaters into their homes as Pittsfield held the largest skating meet in the country.

Pittsfield's hospitality was praised in a recent letter from Newburgh, N.Y., where the Pitts-

field Parks speedskating team was supposed to compete today. Charles Burke, housing chairman of the canceled meet in that town, said: "As you may well imagine with an entry list of 307 we can not guarantee free housing to all. But we do feel that we are greatly indebted to the hospitality of the Pittsfield people in the past, so we are making a special effort to provide housing for your group at the meet."

Anyone willing to house one or more skaters for the meet next month may notify Mrs. Knoblock, the Park Department, or any of the following committee: Mrs. Frank E. Cooke, 126 High Street; Mrs. Arthur S. Fox, 21 Merriam Street; Mrs. Norman B. Hollister, 44 Springside Avenue; Mrs. Francis L. Woods, 50 Harding Street; and Mrs. Jackson J. Perry, 25 Easton Avenue.

## 47 Entries Received for Skating Meet

**Elaine Smith, 1/14  
Al Broadhurst  
Coming Here Feb. 5**

Forty-seven entries already have been received for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating championships at Clapp Park, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6, and entries will be accepted for another 20 days.

The entire Saranac Lake, N.Y., team will compete, headed by Elaine Smith who last year broke Nancy Ann Viner's winning streak to take the Berkshire Hills midget girls title. They will not compete against each other this year because Nancy Ann is now in the juvenile class. Bette Jane Goerlach is expected to provide Pittsfield's opposition to the Saranac Lake girl champ.

Another top contestant accompanying that team is Charlotte Chase who took third in the senior women's division.

Alfred Broadhurst, of the Boston Bay State Skating Club, will defend his senior men's title. Last year the local meet was the largest in the country with 231 skaters showing up from the list of 264 entries filed.

## Speedskaters To Compete This Week End

**Local Team 1/14  
Taking 30 Members  
To Saratoga Springs**

After four postponements, the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team will get its first competition of the year at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in the 17th Eastern States Championships this week end. About 230 entries are expected.

Thirty members of the local team will leave Pittsfield tomorrow morning at 9, returning after the meet, and then leaving Sunday morning at 9 for the end of the competition. They were scheduled to compete in the Middle Atlantic championships at Newburgh, N.Y., this week end, but lack of ice led to a switch in dates.

Bette Jane Goerlach, Silver Skates Midget champ, is ill and will remain at home, and Arthur Longsjö is laid up with a sprained ankle. The following will make the trip:

Senior women, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Barbara Mooney; junior girls, Doris Shantz, Patricia Farrell, Janice Gregory; juvenile girls, Angie DeSignore, Marcia Gerlach, Nancy Ann Viner; midget girls, Eleanor Wesley, Carolyn Cassidy, Penny Kirk; senior men, Alex Goguen, William Major; intermediate boys, Bartram Reeves, Eugene Vidoli, Richard Conway; junior boys, Victor Bonneau, Robert Hogue, Joseph Satrape, John Dinn, James Williamson, Ned Hine; juvenile boys, Jerry Barker, John Cantarella; midget boys, Richard Simard, Robert Dunn, Joseph Basiliere, "Buddy" Hogue, Donald Terpak and David Viner.



# A Queen Needs More Than All Her Buttons

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Why must Pittsfield be so different in selecting a Winter Carnival Queen? Who ever heard of picking a queen for her selling ability alone?

Of course, without the sale of buttons there could be no carnival. However, why not have a day set aside throughout the county, when the buttons could be sold to the general public on the streets—a day similar to the Legion Poppy Day? Then businessmen could be solicited once, instead of several times. It seems to be popular opinion that the present setup is fast becoming a racket.

Now, the girls are knocking themselves out, doing a wonderful job of selling buttons, but by the time the contest is over they are so weary it hardly seems worth the effort. It is not altogether impartial either. A girl who works at a plant the size of GE has a much better chance for contacts than one who is in high school or employed in a small office on North Street.

Incidentally, why do all the contestants have to be from Pittsfield? Wouldn't it make for more interest and a much larger selling scale, if they were picked from several different towns in Berkshire?

Also, why not choose the queen on the basis of 50 per cent button sales and 50 per cent popular vote or her sports activity? If this is not advisable, why not have five impartial judges pick the queen, according to the assets which most queens are chosen for.

Surely the merchants of Pittsfield can afford to donate some small gift for each of the contestants, even if only a pair of stockings. If the carnival goes over as well as expected, they will be more than repaid.

I suppose it is human nature, but it is amusing to note that some of these so-called "big businessmen" hand the girls a quarter for a button, while the clerks in the same office dig down until it hurts. Well, a quarter apiece to nine girls is \$2.25.

R. M. LIEB.

Pittsfield.



It was a special event Sunday afternoon when Bobby Kidney, young polio victim, and son of John Kidney, foreman in the Power Transformer Assembly Section, was presented a scrap book made by Tommy Atkins of the "Story Book Lady" television cast at Station WRGB in Schenectady, N. Y. The loose leaf book is about 12 by 15 inches and had 25 pages full of clippings and pictures taken in and around Station WRGB with autographed notes of encouragement

from the cast. Making the presentation for the station is Frank A. Woodhead, president of the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce. Others in the picture are Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department; Mr. and Mrs. Kidney, Bobby's parents; and Robert G. Stafford, head of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club. Mr. Stafford is a member of the Transportation Section. Several G-E employees are in the Sunshine Club.

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## Snow Queen Button Sales Lag; 3727 Buyers Needed in 6 Days

Miss Connie T. Bedierczki, winner of last week's \$25 bond contest, still holds first place in the snow queen competition after having jumped from the fourth to the top spot last week. The button-sale total is now 14,273, which is a record for the annual competition.

Miss Jane Wowk got back into her early-contest form by moving up from fourth to second this week. Third place is a tie between the Misses Carole M. Gerlach and Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk. Miss Anne E. Beckmann is in fifth place.

If Miss Bedierczki wins the queen title, the \$25 bond will revert to Miss Anne Beckmann who placed second in last week's competition which was a contest within a contest. That disposition of the bond had been agreed on at the last report banquet.

Chairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski say it is a toss-up whether the girls will hit the goal of 18,000 buttons. With less than a week remaining (Mon-

day night at 6 PM is the end) the queens must sell 3727 more buttons.

The chairmen feel that the contestants have done a wonderful job, especially with the weather against them. Usually, buttons are sold at skating and skiing events, which was impossible this year because of the spring-like weather. This week's total is above the 1947 high of 6000 buttons and last year's 12,000.

## Carnival Buttons Will Be Sold by Springside Group

Pittsfield's snow queen contest has ended, but the button sale goes on. Youthful members of the Springside Junior Country Club will sell winter carnival buttons at the various carnival events which start tomorrow afternoon at 1 with the third annual sled derby at Clapp Park. Still costing 25 cents, a commission of 10 cents a button will be reaped by the youngsters to help put across their social program at the Springside House. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department, will organize the sale.

## Mayor Capeless Swings Ax On 5 Departmental Budgets

Park Department Requests Pared From \$140,635 to \$123,553—Welfare Slash Due To Unforeseen Income Increase

Mayor Capeless lopped a total of \$63,000 off the proposed appropriations of five city departments this morning in his second day of pruning the 1949 budget requests that were filed at his office last month.

Today's biggest cut—\$44,000—was handed to the Department of Public Welfare, but it was explained that most of this saving was due to federal grant-in-aid income that could not have been predicted at the time that Commissioner Hodecker prepared his 1949 estimates. The old age assistance account was reduced from \$403,000 to \$381,000, aid to dependent children from \$132,000 to \$123,000, general relief from \$183,000 to \$172,700, and administrative expenses from \$8220 to \$6280.

The Department of Parks and Recreation sustained the second biggest cut. Its request for \$140,635 was pared to \$123,553, which nevertheless represents a substantial increase over the \$106,042 spent by the department last year.

### Perry's Salary, \$4800

Most of the Park Department cut came in the personal service account, where proposed expenditures of nearly \$14,000 were eliminated by the mayor. This reduction included pruning Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry's salary request from \$5250 to \$4800,

the amount granted him under the new city salary ordinance.

Not all of the Park Department budget changes were reductions, however. The mayor added an appropriation of \$850 for Wahconah Park rest rooms, an item which had not been included in the department's request.

The Health Department's proposed budget of \$88,142 was reduced to \$85,967—a saving made possible principally by lopping \$1000 off the contagious diseases account and \$550 off nurses' transportation allowances. The Board of Appeals budget was reduced from \$275 to \$235 by cutting \$40 from the printing and advertising allowance.

The only budget to emerge from the mayor's office unscathed was the Licensing Board's, which was boosted from \$3305 to \$3634. This was due to a \$329 increase given to the clerk of the board to bring his pay into line with the new salary ordinance.

Together with some \$23,000 slashed from 10 minor budgets yesterday, this morning's pruning brings this week's total cut to about \$85,000. Most of the major budgets, including police, fire and public works, will be acted upon by the mayor tomorrow and Friday.



# Pittsfield Lovelies Candidates for Winter Carnival Honors

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(Photos by Plouffe)  
Top row, left to right: Carole Gerlach, Ann Beckman, Dorothy Ellis Kay Althizer, Dot Fairman. Bottom row, left to right: Connie Biedrzcki, Diane Shuster, Jane Wowk, Phyllis Mlynarczyk.

The Pittsfield Park and Recreation Department tonight feted the nine young women who are candidates for the honor of presiding over the fourth winter carnival to be held in Pittsfield from Jan. 29 to Feb. 7.

The nine young ladies were given a spaghetti supper at the Rainbow Restaurant. Attending tonight's dinner were cochairman of the Queens contest, Rose Stomski and Russell Bosquet, and Treasurer Jack Seeley. This was the beginning of the sec-

ond week of the drive to sell the buttons by which the carnival is financed.

The quota for this year is 18,000 buttons, and tonight's reports shows that already 10,500 have been sold. The contestants selling the most buttons in the next 7 days will receive a \$25 government bond. The standings tonight shows Carole Gerlach leading, with Phyllis Mlynarczyk in second place, Jane Wowk, third, and Connie Biedrzcki, fourth.

## Fourth-Placer Takes Lead In Snow Queen Competition

In a surprise change, Miss Connie T. Biederczki moved all the way from fourth to first place in the snow queen contest and the three top leaders all slid back one place. Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk is second, Carole M. Gerlach third and Jane Wowk fourth.

How close the contest is may be inferred from last night's report meeting. Although no individual totals are released, 12,390 buttons have been sold to date and yesterday the figure was 11,573. That means that fewer than 800 buttons separates the four top leaders, because several contestants turned in reports last night.

The report meeting also pointed up the fact that last year's record

button sale of 12,000 should be shattered easily this year. The contestants still have 10 days to boost their totals higher. The sale ends at 6 PM Monday, the 24th. The queen will be crowned at the winter carnival ball Friday, Feb. 4 in the Sheraton Hotel with Sammy Vincent's orchestra playing.

## Local Skaters To Compete at Saranac Lake

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club team will take part in the Adirondacks championship meet at Saranac Lake, N.Y., Saturday and Sunday. When the Troy meet, slated for Saturday, and the Glens Falls event, carded for Sunday, were postponed, Jackson Perry, parks and recreation superintendent, contacted the Saranac Lake promoters and arranged to compete there over the week end. Last year the Pittsfield team won the meet at Saranac Lake.

The competition over the coming week end will be the second of the season for the F club, that took third in at Saratoga Springs.

The Berkshire skaters have been handicapped by limited practice but they were able to have two workouts at Pontoosuc Lake this week.

## Lead Changes Again in Queen Contest

Miss Mlynarczyk In First Place, Miss Gerlach Second

The lead in the snow queen contest has changed again with Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk displacing Miss Carole M. Gerlach for first place as the button sale hit 11,573—just 427 short of the entire 1948 button sale. This year's sale ends Jan. 24.

Miss Jane Wowk is still in third and Miss Connie T. Biederczki is fourth. Cochairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski said several other changes have occurred among the other five contestants, and they are just a few buttons outside the envied four first places.

More than enough buttons are available, Mr. Bousquet said. The committee ran short for awhile, but another large order was submitted and there are enough on hand to furnish the potential queens with ammunition enough to blow the top off the goal of 18,000.

No relative standings have been announced for the bond contest this week. The girl selling the most buttons by next Monday at 6 PM will get a \$25 bond. If she wins the queen contest later, the bond will go to the second-place winner of this week's contest.

## Miss Gerlach Leads in Queen Contest

Contestants Feted At Dinner as Second Half Opens

In another quick shift, Miss Carole M. Gerlach took sole position of first place as the snow queen button sale hit the 10,500 mark. Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk is in second, and Miss Jane Wowk is third, while Miss Connie T. Biederczki is fourth.

Miss Wowk took an early lead in the first week, then the present holders of the three first places made it a triple tie, with Miss Gerlach pulling ahead this week. The standings were announced at last night's banquet in the Rainbow Restaurant marking the half-way point of the contest which ends Monday, Jan. 24, at 6 PM.

Plans also were announced for bond-contest week which started yesterday. Billed as a contest-within-a-contest, the girl who sells the most buttons for the eight days ending next Monday at 6 PM, will earn a \$25 bond to be awarded at the end of the contest. If the bond-winner also wins the queen contest, the bond will revert to the runner-up of bond week.

On hand to answer any questions of the contestants, were Miss Rose M. Stomski and Russell D. Bousquet, cochairmen of the contest, and Jack C. Seeley, treasurer. A list of coming social events where the girls may be able to sell buttons was given, and most of the girls then adjourned to the Sheraton Hotel to try out their salesmanship at a meeting of the Berkshire Hills Conference.

The 10,500 total now reached is far over the 6000 sold during the entire 1947 contest, and only 1500 short of the 12,000 sold last year. Another 7500 must be sold to hit the campaign goal of 18,000 set for this year.

## Speedskaters Going To Glens Falls

Twenty-four members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club will leave the Park Department offices tomorrow morning at 8.45 in a Yellow Cab bus en route to the Northern New York skating meet being held as part of the Glens Falls, N.Y., winter carnival. They will be accompanied by Jackson J. Perry, supervisor of Parks and Recreation, and one of the mothers of the skaters. The group will return to Pittsfield Sunday night at 9.



# Pittsfield Skaters Finish Third in Meet

## Locals Get Three Firsts In Saratoga Springs Races

**Nancy Ann Viner, Angie Del Signore  
Share Honors in Juvenile Girls'  
Class—Goguen Wins Men's 440 1/12**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.—Victories by Nancy Ann Viner, Angie Del Signore and Alex Goguen helped the Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speedskating Club to place third in the 17th annual Eastern States championship meet here the past week end. Paterson, N.J., led the 14-club field with 220 points. Newburgh, N.Y., was runner-up with 190. Pittsfield had 140. Lake Colby, N.Y., and Lake Placid, N.Y., were tied for fourth with 120 apiece.

### Both Girls Fall

The 12-year-old Viner girl, competing in the juvenile class for the first time after winning national and North American honors last year as a midget, took the 220-yard dash Saturday in 25.8 seconds. Miss Del Signore qualified in the finals in the 220, but fell after she covered about half the course.

However, yesterday the positions were reversed. A fall put Nancy Ann out of the 440 in a semifinal heat, and Angie smashed the Northern New York record for her class by winning in 49.4 seconds. Nancy Ann and Angie shared the juvenile girls' title.

Goguen, a former resident of Fitchburg, won the senior men's 440-yard dash, and placed third in the mile. He was third in the division standings with 40 points. Ray Blum of Paterson led with 70 points, and Bob John of Brooklyn, N.Y., was runner-up with 50.

Miss Barbara Mooney, a Schenectady, N.Y., resident, who is competing for Pittsfield this winter, won points Saturday and Sunday. She was third in the 220, 440, 880.

Other Pittsfield point winners were Eleanor Wesley, third in the midget girls' 220, Vic Bonneau, fourth in the junior boys' 880, and Doris Shantz, fourth in the junior girls' 440.

Elaine Smith, the Saranac Lake girl who had quite a duel with Nancy Ann Viner in the latter part of the 1948 season, won the midget girls' 220 Saturday in the fast time of 25.5 seconds.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation in Pittsfield, was quite enthused by the showing of his club. He pointed out that the Pittsfield skaters a year ago were able to get only 60 points in this meet.

Pittsfield had 26 entries. One hundred ninety-one individual skaters competed. Included were 54 in the senior men's division.

Goguen did the 440 in 42 seconds flat. Runner-up in this race was Al Broadhurst, the Boston boy who competed so successfully last winter at the Berkshire Hills meet in Pittsfield.

Pittsfield will participate in two meets next week end. It will be at Troy, N.Y., Saturday for the Hudson Valley championship competition and at Glens Falls, N.Y., Sunday.

### To Race at Glens Falls

If there is a speedskating meet anywhere within a reasonable distance of this city, Jackson Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, will find it. That is why the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club will compete at Glens Falls, N.Y., tomorrow and Sunday. Races carded for Northville, N.Y., and Newburgh, N.Y., were again postponed but Jackson learned that the ice was in good condition at Glens Falls and promptly decided to have the Pittsfield skaters compete there.

## Snow Queen Contest Ends Tonight at 6

**Connie Bedierczki,  
Catherine Althizer,  
Jane Wowk Leading**

Pittsfield's snow queen for the winter carnival Jan. 29 through Feb. 5 will be announced tomorrow noon. The contest ends tonight at 6, but cochairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Rose M. Stomski will be busy compiling late returns of the nine contestants, and the final results will be delayed.

Partly due to the weather and also to the coy attitude of the contestants, very few returns were made Saturday, so no change has been announced in the standings.

Miss Connie T. Bedierczki still is in first, Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer is second, and Miss Jane Wowk is third. The Misses Carole M. Gerlach and Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk are tied for fourth.

At the last report, 1600 more buttons had to be sold to hit the 18,000 goal. Mr. Bousquet said the snow over the week end probably helped button sales at first, but the following rain dampened the contest. He suggested that the contestants are holding back their totals until the last moment today so that a final spurt won't catch them napping.

## Golden Agers To Organize Club Tomorrow

About 60 Pittsfield residents plan to attend tomorrow's opening meeting of the Golden Age Club in the YMCA at 3 PM.

The Parks and Recreation Department, in co-operation with the College Club, is sponsoring the social club for people 65 years of age or over. Mrs. Hayward B. Carsley, chairman of the College Club's committee, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, girls' and women's supervisor for the Park Department, are in charge.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Gregory G. Anderson, Mrs. Ralph E. Plump, and Mrs. Sumner M. Gamwell. In charge of refreshments will be Mrs. Robert F. Johnson, Mrs. Theodore R. Walters, Mrs. William B. St. James and Miss Virginia Lehman. Anyone interested in joining the club which will feature handcraft work, movies, reading and quiet games, should notify the Park Department, 9797.

## Companionship and Recreation For the Elderly

While there is much pressure from interested quarters to lower the age when individuals become eligible for old age assistance, there are many responsible people who take the opposite view. Many employers find that there is no particular age at which efficiency begins to decline; it is an individual matter. Nor can it be taken for granted that the young are better workers than the old. The elderly usually are more conscientious, more responsible, less distracted by their social affairs, and generally more dependable than their juniors. Finally, among the opponents of compulsory retirement are found a considerable proportion of those eligible. Those of exceptional ability, who enjoy and take pride in their work, and who are bored by the prospect of hanging around doing nothing for the remainder of their lives, resent compulsory retirement, and when they can, get full or part time jobs which they can fill.

One thing is certain—with the greater longevity consequent to medical progress, the number of the aged in the population is increasing both absolutely and rela-

## In Brief . . . . .

It's swell that old Nancy Ann Viner apparently is just as hot on the ice as a juvenile as she was last year as a midget. Nancy Ann, now 12 years old but still petite, has just mowed down the opposition at Saranac Lake in her second skating meet of the winter . . . . Meanwhile Jackson Perry has a new skating luminary to represent Pittsfield. It is 17-year-old Arthur Longjo who showed his blades to a fast field in the same meet. Art, who comes from Fitchburg, was persuaded to switch campuses by nothing more than Jack finding him a job . . .

## Parents Invited To Hibbard Community Center

Parents have been invited to attend the Hibbard Community Center sessions tonight and tomorrow night to watch demonstrations of what the children have learned. Mothers may attend tonight from 6.15 to 8.15 with their daughters under 14 years of age. The second two hours the mothers and girls will be joined by the fathers and boy friends for dancing, card playing and games. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, in the Park Department, is in charge.

The same procedure will be followed tomorrow when the boys take over, with the fathers invited to participate in the first half of the program. The latter half the mothers and girl friends of the teen-age boys will join in for organized entertainment. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, is in charge.

## Speedskaters Waiting for Ice

Members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club were wondering today whether they would be in action this week end.

Only one hope remains. That is a scheduled two-day meet of Glens Falls, N.Y., where it was reported at noon that the ice is rough. The temperature in the next 24 hours will be the determining factor on postponement, according to what officials in that city told Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation.

Earlier today, the Middle Atlantic championship meet, slated for Newburgh, N.Y., Saturday and Sunday, was postponed for the second time because of no ice. Yesterday another possibility, a meet at Northville, N.Y., was postponed for the same reason.



## Snow Queen Contestant (9) $\frac{1}{3}$



Miss Carole M. Gerlach

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Miss Carole M. Gerlach works in the tabulating department of the General Electric main plant. She formerly was an operator at the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company 2½ years. A graduate of Pomeroy, Plunkett and Pittsfield High Schools, she is a member of Sigma Gamma and a past officer of the Beta Tri-Hi-Y, in the YMCA. The 20-year-old contestant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Gerlach of 17 Atwood Avenue. This completes the series of pictures in the snow queen contest.

Miss Dianne D. Shuster will be interviewed over Station WBEC's Mac McGarry show this afternoon from 5 to 5.30 and Miss Jane Wowk will be heard on Station WBRK's "Dance Time" show from 6.45 to 7.

## 2000 Buttons Remaining in Queen Drive

*Deadline Monday;  
Top Contestants  
In Same Places*

About 2000 more buttons will put the snow queen drive over its 18,000 goal as the result of last night's report meeting which saw the top contestants still in the same spots except for Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, who took over fifth place from Miss Anne E. Beckmann.

Miss Connie T. Bedierczki is in first, Miss Jane Wowk is second, and the Misses Carole M. Gerlach and Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk are tied for third.

Total sales hit the 15,723-mark last night at 6, for an increase of 1500 over Tuesday. Several of the queen contestants were selling buttons at the Mt. Carmel minstrel and other social events in Pittsfield last night which leaves about 2000 more buttons for success.

Button sales end Monday night at 6 and the top salesgirl will be crowned queen at the winter carnival ball Feb. 4 in the Hotel Sheraton. Cochairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski said there are enough buttons on hand to keep the potential queens supplied. Neither one would venture a guess about the winner because the contest is so close.



**BUTTONS AND BEAUX...** Phyllis Mlynarczyk, Chemical Department candidate for Snow Queen of Pittsfield's 1949 Winter Carnival, selling buttons for the Carnival. Buyers of buttons include Bob Vlastnick, Ernie St. John, Dana French, Hans Adler and Walter Protznick.



### Should Speed Up Program

When the invitation skating meet is held at Clapp Park Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6 I hope that some arrangement will be made to have many of the trials held in the mornings so that persons taking in the afternoon races will be able to see several snappy races in a short time. Last year the number of entries for the meet here was something of a record. The weather was very cold and many persons nearly froze waiting for a chance to see Nancy Ann Viner compete. At the time the committee said something would be done about having a shorter program on the final afternoon of the meet this year and I am confident that the matter will be given attention.

Jackson Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, has done a great job for winter sports as well as for recreational activities in the summer. He is a tireless worker, knows his business and has the faculty of getting many other persons to put forth their best efforts for the various projects.



**FEATURED FIGURE SKATER:** Seventeen-year-old Ruth Princine will perform with the Little Sun Valley Skating Club of Springfield at Clapp Park Sunday afternoon at 2, as part of the fourth annual winter carnival week—if the weather changes so that ice can be made. Miss Princine, who will appear under the auspices of the winter sports committee of the Parks and Recreation Department, has been at Lake Placid studying under Guss Lussi, and is touted as Olympic material.

## 16-Page Book Will Publicize Winter Carnival

A blue-covered 16-page book with a skater featured on the cover is being distributed by the Park Department to publicize the fourth annual winter carnival. The program, which lists all the events and chairmen of the carnival, is dedicated to Nancy Ann Viner and Verne Goodwin for their championship showings last year.

Copies of the program will be given out at the various carnival events, and may be picked up at the Park Department office. Besides a history of the Berkshire Hills speedskating championship, it has Saturday's program which begins at 1 PM with remarks by Francis E. Douglas, winter sports committee chairman. The Sunday ceremony will begin with a brief address by Monroe B. England, Park Commission chairman.

Sections also are included on the second national junior ski championships, Feb. 26 and 27, and the Berkshire interscholastic ski meet. The two-page centerfold lists the queen contestants, with a large shot of Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, snow queen who will be crowned Friday night in the Sheraton at the winter carnival ball.

A history of the Pittsfield Parks speedskating team and other winter carnival activities is in the second part, with shots of last year's events. Verne A. Goodwin was in charge of compiling the program, assisted by William F. Plouffe, Frank H. Jones, Norman B. Hollister and Miss Anna M. Walsh.

## Unco-operative Weather Changes Winter Carnival Plans

Four events on the winter carnival program have been postponed to later dates because of the unco-operative weatherman. The fourth annual speedskating championships will be Feb. 12 at Clapp Park; the first annual Berkshire Hills figure skating exhibition,

Feb. 13 at Clapp; the first annual ice fishing derby, Feb. 6 on Pontoosuc Lake; and the final judging and exhibition of the first annual winter sports photography contest, March 15.

The corrected program follows:

**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
1 PM—3d annual Pittsfield Sled Races.  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
2 PM—2d annual Pittsfield Ski Meet (home of Jay Rosenfeld, South Mountain Road).  
**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
7 PM—2d Annual Snow Man Contest (Clapp Park).  
**Wednesday, Feb. 2**  
4 and 8 PM—Winter Carnival Movies in co-operation with the Berkshire Museum (Berkshire Museum).  
**Friday, Feb. 4**  
Informal Figure Skating Exhibition, Clark Harding's Rink, 300 Williams Street.  
Berkshire Hills Interscholastic Ski Meet (Pittsfield State Forest).  
10.30 AM—Cross Country.  
2.00 PM—Slalom.  
9 PM to 1 AM—Winter Carnival Ball (Hotel Sheraton).  
**Saturday, Feb. 5**  
Berkshire Hills Interscholastic Ski Meet (Pittsfield State Forest).  
10.30 AM—Downhill.  
2.00 PM—Jumping.  
1.00 PM—4th Annual Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speedskating Championships (Clapp Park).  
**Sunday, Feb. 6**  
7 AM to 4 PM—1st annual Ice Fishing Derby (Pontoosuc Lake).  
1 PM—4th annual Berkshire Hills Speed Skating Championships (Clapp Park).  
**Saturday, Feb. 12**  
2.30 PM—4th annual Pittsfield Speed Skating Championships (Clapp Park).  
**Sunday, Feb. 13**  
2 PM—1st annual Berkshire Hills Figure Skating Exhibition (Clapp Park).  
**Tuesday, March 15**  
Final judging and exhibition in 1st annual winter sports photography contest.

### Did You Know That—

The AAU Basketball Guide has a picture of the Professional Drug basketball team of this city and an article on girls' basketball in Western Massachusetts by Jackson Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

## Sled Race Winners May Get Chance In National Event

Local exponents of the belly-flopping sport may get a chance to compete in the First National Sled Derby at Saranac Lake, N.Y., Feb. 12 and 13, if they win in the third annual downhill sled races at Clapp Park, Saturday afternoon at 1. The New York event is sponsored by the Saranac Lake American Legion post.

John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, which is cosponsoring the local derby with the winter sports committee, said they hope to take the coasting winners along on the skating meet scheduled for that week end at Lake Colby, N.Y., which is a short distance from Saranac Lake.

H. Franklin Jones, chairman of Saturday's competition, said all contestants must check in at 12.45 so that their sleds may be inspected by the officials, Joward M. Broderick, Frank E. Cooke, H. A. Haworth and Edward L. Raab. Entries may be made at the Park Department and will close 15 minutes before inspection.

Trophies will be awarded winners with medals for second and third places. Separate events will be held for boys and girls in four classes of under 7, 11, 14 and 16 years old. A novelty relay race of four on a team will be run.

## Golden Agers Seek Room For Meetings

Attendance of 69 At First Session—Tops Expectations

Members of the Golden Age Club are looking for a room as permanent quarters for informal daily sessions, as a result of the unexpectedly high attendance of 69 at yesterday afternoon's initial meeting in the YMCA. They will continue to meet every Tuesday afternoon at 3 in the Y until other quarters are offered.

Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities at the Park Department, said only 60 cards of those mailed out two weeks ago had been returned, but other people showed up to swell attendance. The club is composed of people 65 years of age or older, who are meeting to find social activity which they otherwise would lack.

Mrs. Hayward B. Carsley, chairman of the College Club committee which is cosponsoring the club with the Park Department, greeted the guests. Mrs. Peter DeGroat was given a corsage of roses for being the oldest lady present, and William Coates was given a cigar as the oldest man.

Besides the discussion of future activities, the club members were entertained with movies shown by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department.

Card-playing and sewing are among the social activities the elderly people expressed an interest in, and some members plan to bring their hobbies. No dues or assessments are asked, the committee members stressed.

Mrs. Edward S. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Ellert J. Lunde, Stephen J. Burns and Dr. Charles P. Crowley will make arrangements for the next Tuesday meeting.

## Checking Points For Ice Fishing Derby Announced

Check points on Pontoosuc Lake for the first annual county-wide fishing derby Sunday from 7 to 4 will be at the public beach, Lakeview Beach and the causeway. Chairmen Robert G. and Harry E. Stafford said contestants will retain half of their tickets when they check in and out of one of those points in order to qualify. Adults over 15 years of age must pay 50 cents, but the youngsters will be admitted free. All must bring their own bait.

Kenneth N. Eddy of Dalton is chairman of the ticket committee. Tickets may be obtained from any of the following committee: Richard H. Mooney, Edward Bailey, Raymond Lamont, Merritt E. Chapman. The latter two are in charge of prizes. Tickets also may be obtained from the sportsmen's clubs of Adams, North Adams and Williamstown.

If the event is postponed, it will be held the following Sunday subject to the same regulations and time. Robert Stafford will be interviewed over Dan Healey's sports program on WBRK tonight at 6.15.



# Pittsfield Skaters Capture Adirondack Title

## Nancy Viner, Art Longsjo Feature Locals' Showing

**Juvenile Girl Sets Three Records  
In Saranac Lake Meet—Intermediate  
Boy Wins All Four of His Races**

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y.—A well-balanced Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speedskating Club entry won the fifth annual Adirondack championship meet this week end over a strong 14-team field. Taking an early lead Saturday in the opening day of the competition, the Bay Staters were ahead all the way. They finished with 400 points. Newburg, N.Y., was runner-up with 370, Paterson, N.J., third with 320, Lake Colby, N.Y., fourth with 230 and Lake Placid, N.Y., fifth with 210.

### 200 Points Each Day

Pittsfield's balance was extended even to days. The winners made 200 points Saturday and the same number yesterday. They placed in seven divisions.

Leading the Massachusetts victory push with seven wins between them were 12-year-old Nancy Ann Viner, 1948 North American and national midget girls' champion, now in the juvenile class, and 17-year-old Art Longsjo, an intermediate boy. Nancy Ann set meet records in winning the 220, the one-sixth of a mile and the 440. Longsjo, until recently a resident of Fitchburg, won the 220, the 440, 880 and mile, but didn't set any records.

Nancy Ann and Art both finished far ahead in the combined point totals in their respective classes. Nancy Ann's greatest achievement was in the 220. Her time of 24 seconds flat was the fastest ever recorded in Northern New York skating competition by a resident of the district or an outsider. Incidentally, she was considerably faster than Elaine Smith, the Lake Placid girl, who last year had several interesting duels with Nancy Ann. Miss Smith won the midget girls' 220 in 25.2 seconds. The Viner girl's times in the one-sixth of a mile and 440 were 34 flat and 49 flat.

Miss Barbara Mooney, the Schenectady young woman who is on lend-lease to the Pittsfield club because there is no organized group in her home city, won the senior girls' 220, and placed second in the 440.

Bette Jane Goerlach was a consistent point winner for Pittsfield in the midget girls' class. She placed third in the 440 Saturday, and made the same place yesterday in the one-sixth of a mile and the 220.

Angie Del Signore of Pittsfield was third in the juvenile girls' 440; second in the 220, and fourth in the one-sixth of a mile.

Alex Goguen, Pittsfield's only senior competitor, was second in his 880 and third in the three-mile. Bobby Dunn was second in the midget boys' 220, third in the one-sixth of a mile and third in the 440. Victor Bonneau, another Pittsfield entry, was third in the junior boys' one-sixth of a mile and the 440.

The Pittsfield team is entered in single day meets at Northville, N.Y., Saturday and Glens Falls, N.Y., Sunday.



**RHYTHM ON SNOW:** Members of the Olympic ski squad teamed up for this demonstration of a synchronized triple slalom, in a movie taken by Luggi Foegger in the Canadian Rockies. The film is one of three ski pictures in color to be shown at the Berkshire Museum Wednesday at 4 and 8 PM.

## Snowman Contest To Be Tuesday

**R. A. Ducharme Is Chairman of Annual Event**

Raymond A. Ducharme is chairman of the second annual snowman contest, scheduled for next Tuesday afternoon at Clapp Park. He will be assisted by the Misses Angela L. Conte and Dorothy Giordano. Contestants may begin their snowmen after school that day for the judging which will take place at 7 under lights.

Applications have been distributed throughout the school system and are also available at the Park Department, which is co-sponsoring the affair with the winter sports committee. Deadline for applications is 15 minutes before the contest begins.

Three awards will be made for professionals, senior amateurs, junior amateurs and children amateurs for the most beautiful, original and best reproduction of a comic strip character appearing in The Eagle.

Professional sculptors and artists are defined as anyone who earns a living, or has earned a living in the past, by skill and practice in the plastic arts including sculpture, two-dimensional drawing, painting and taxidermy. Senior amateurs are those who are 17 years old or more, junior amateurs are 12 or more, and children amateurs are under 12, as of Jan. 1.

## Auxiliary Areas Readied for Skating Meet

Maintenance men of the Park Department are clearing areas at Pontoosuc and Onota Lakes for use as secondary skating areas in case Clapp Park is not ready for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating championships Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6.

Ninety applications have been received for the meet and many more are expected from Newburgh, Paterson and Lake Colby clubs, before the deadline Wednesday night. The applications are from 17 different clubs (more than have competed in any meet in this section to date) with skaters from 26 different towns located in four states and Canada.

About 34 of the registrations are in the senior class, double the number which competed at Saranac Lake recently. The number is expected to be twice as large if good ice is available since it is the final week end before the nationals, scheduled for St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12 and 13.

Headliners include Frank and Alfred Broadhurst, Boston; Joe Janci, Norwalk, Conn.; Francis Walsh Jr., Saranac Lake, N.Y.; Edgar Dame, Revere; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield; and Ben Cizek, Binghamton, N.Y. Ray Blum, Eastern States and Adirondacks champ, is expected to file soon. Arthur Longsjo will be a local entry in the intermediate class and Harold Joyce will come all the way from St. John, New Brunswick. One of the oldest competitive skaters will be 56-year-old Edward Mitchell of Schenectady, N.Y.

## City Ski Meet To Be Held Sunday at 2

**Carnival Event Includes Races For Boys, Girls**

The second annual City of Pittsfield ski meet, for boys and girls 18 years old and younger, will be held at the South Mountain Road ski trails on the Jay C. Rosenfeld property, Sunday at 2 PM.

There will be 18 races in all, including cross country, downhill and slalom for boys and for girls in three age groups: 12 years old and under, 13 to 15-year-olds, and 16 to 18-year-olds.

The official entry blanks were distributed by the Parks and Recreation Department in Pittsfield schools yesterday and today. All entries must be filed with John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, by 5 PM tomorrow. Contestants must register at the South Mountain ski trail by 1.30 PM Sunday.

The registration table is to be just off South Mountain Road near the Rosenfeld property. The cross country will be on the lot on the north side of the road so that spectators can watch it from their cars.

Prizes will be awarded. If weather and snow conditions are unfavorable, the meet will be postponed until Feb. 13.

Chairman of the meet committee is James N. Stack. Other members are Arthur S. Fox, William A. Knoblock, Frank W. Lamont, John C. Seely, John P. Leahy, Jay C. Rosenfeld and Anthony G. Rud.



## City Has Twice as Many Elderly Persons, As Statistics Indicate Would Be Normal

Pittsfield is full of old-timers.

In fact, it's such a healthy town to live in that we have as many old people, most of them women, as statistics indicate is usual for its population.

In his annual report scheduled for release soon, Dr. Willys M. Monroe, commissioner of public health, points out Pittsfield has 5365 people 65 years or older. The group has increased steadily since 1920 when there were 1904 in a population of 41,763 to today's high figure with a population of only 55,885.

In many resort towns of the South, the proportion of old people is high because of the comfortable living conditions. The old-timers go there to die.

But anyone who knows Berkshire weather realizes that isn't the reason for Pittsfield's large older element. People have a chance to grow old here because disease has been brought under control.

### Disease Germs Controlled

The decrease has been in communicable diseases which usually kill quite a few people in early

adulthood, up to age 45. In 1923 such diseases as typhoid, dysentery, and diphtheria killed 123. By 1929 that was controlled to 60, and was brought down further to 36 in 1940. Last year only eight died from such sicknesses.

Most deaths after age 45 are termed degenerative diseases. They include the growing-old sicknesses such as hardening of the arteries, heart disease and diabetes, which doctors still are unable to control. Main reasons for deaths in the over-65 group locally are diseases of the circulatory system and cancer.

According to the chart for standard age-sex distribution, Pittsfield has an unusually large number of old people. The chart, which is based on figures of the population in England, Scotland and Wales, is used as a yardstick both nationally and internationally.

Following that system, Pittsfield should have about 4.7 per cent in the 65-plus bracket. Instead there are 9.6 per cent there. In 1922 Pittsfield was about even with the standard-age chart, but there has been a steady increase in old people since then, even greater

than the population increase would warrant.

The greatest number of deaths has been in the 65-74 years group. Last year 199 of them died and 160 dropped out in 1947. The safest age is anything under 24. Only two a year died in each of the five year brackets there except for 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 where four died in each. In fact, if you could stay in that group forever you would live for 2000 years, because only 6 out of 10,000 died there.

Both gross and net deaths last year prove fewer people die in Pittsfield. Gross deaths (including those who came here to die) were 659 in 1947 and 631 last year. Net deaths (Pittsfield people alone), 572 died in 1947 and only 565 last year.

Here is a tip to unborn babies—if you want to grow old, be a woman. Following national trends, about 367 men in the upper bracket in Pittsfield died in 1947, and only 292 women. And last year, 332 men died and only 299 women. It may be a man's world now, but it won't be much longer if that trend continues.

## Fine Figure-Skating Program Set for Sunday at Clapp Park

Seven local skaters will appear in the figure-skating exhibition that the winter sports committee hopes to put on at Clapp Park with the Little Sun Valley Skating Club of Springfield, Sunday at 3 P.M. The exhibition will be part of the fourth annual winter carnival week.

Local skaters who plan to perform as the Pittsfield Parks Club are: Philip Knowlton, Shirley Moore, Sandra and Susan Garnish, Bryce Tuttle, Gertrude Miraglia and Kathleen Frank.

More than 2000 people witnessed last year's exhibition, and a much larger crowd is expected this year if the weather co-operates. The exhibition is financed by funds from the snow queen button contest.

Irene, Emily, Margaret and Donald Niedzielskis will participate on the Springfield team, as will Lorraine Perry, Peter Sabonis and John Prentaville. For the local appearance, the club has added Ray LaFond and Edward (Rubber Legs) O'Flaherty. Comedy will be provided by Leo Angers and Freddie Green, and by Walter Bustin, the club professional who will perform with Betty Gosselin. The latter two presented Bowery Flirtation in last year's exhibition.

Music will be provided by Dorothea Bustin, who has been in the Ice Capades and other shows, also will be on hand. Music will be provided by Mrs. Marion Meyers and George Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bustin will direct the show. The program and participants follow:

Solo—Youth and Poise Personified, Lorraine Perry  
Solo—Speed Jumps and Thrills, Peter Sabonis  
Duo—Count of Monte Cristo, and the Princess of the Riviera, Ruth Pincine and Walter Bustin  
Solo—Learning the Hard Way, Donald Niedzielski  
Solo—Sweet and Lovely, Irene Niedzielski  
Duo—Bizarre Comedy, Leo Angers and Freddie Green  
Solo—The Bachelor, Pilot and His Steel Wings, John Prentaville—USA  
Duo—Ice Symphony, Lorraine Perry and Irene Niedzielski  
**Pittsfield Group**  
Solo—A Smooth Gent, Phil Knowlton  
Swift Swing, Shirley Moore  
Whirling Dervish, Bryce Tuttle  
Rhythm, Kathleen Frank  
Frolics on Ice, Gertrude Miraglia  
Junior Miss, Sandra Garnish  
Little Twinkles, 6 years old, Susan Garnish  
Solo—Grace Personified, Dorothea Bustin  
Solo—Frozen Capers, Rubber Legs Eddie O'Flaherty  
Duo—Bowery Flirtation, Betty Gosselin and Walter Bustin  
Solo—Lake Placid Lovely, Ruth Pincine  
Drill—Pulchritude on Parade, Sun Valley Drillsters  
Solo—Every Bit a Professional, Ray LaFond  
Solo—The Maid Goes Bezerks, Phil Mamulski  
Finale and Ten Step, Entire Company

## Rooms Needed For 150 Skaters

Accommodations for about 150 more skaters are needed by the Park Department for Saturday night and Sunday morning, Feb. 5 and 6. About 50 of the skaters who plan to compete in the fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating meet will be quartered so far by 22 hostesses.

In many instances, hostesses from last year have asked the housing committee of the winter carnival to assign the same guests as last year. Whenever possible that will be done, Mrs. William A. Knoblock, housing chairman, said.

The list of Pittsfield people who have offered to take in guests that week end, follow: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hendricks; Mr. and Mrs. Colner F. Lipsey; Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. May; Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Francese; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Hamilton; Mrs. Robert D. Bardwell; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Radke; Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Tower; Dr. and Mrs. Albert R. Conway; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Canavan; Mr. and Mrs. Elliot M. Preble; Dr. and Mrs. David W. Morrison; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Morrier; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Woods; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Knoblock; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Capeless; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. England; Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Goerlach; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred F. Hogue; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coates; Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Nichols.

## Wahconah Improvements To Be Topic of Conference

A first step toward new attempts to improve facilities at Wahconah Park was taken at City Hall Annex last night as the Park Commission voted to arrange a conference on the subject with interested parties throughout the city.

If the commissioners' plan is carried out they will meet soon with Mayor Capeless, the members of the Capital Outlay Committee, President Paul A. Tamburello of the Pittsfield Electric and representatives of St. Joseph's and Pittsfield High Schools.

Conference object would be improving sanitary facilities at Wahconah Park, building an umpire's dressing room, repairing the park's entrances, and purchasing the flood lights now owned by the Electric. The Park Commission plans to ask that part or all of this program be

incorporated in the city's capital outlay appropriation for the current year.

In another decision dealing with Wahconah Park, the commission last night voted to make the park available to the Tyler Aces on Sunday afternoons during October and November of this year. The commission reserved the right, however, to postpone such dates in emergencies or schedule conflicts.

Last night's session also discussed suggestions of Dr. Nicholas L. Engelhardt's school building survey that pertain to the city's park system. Following the meeting Park Commission Chairman Monroe B. England said that studies will be made of the areas around Coolidge and Hibbard Schools to see if the land there can be developed for playgrounds as urged by Dr. Engelhardt.

## Local Speedskaters To Race This Week End

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club has lost out on two meets planned for this week end, but the members plan to compete in one of two other meets still scheduled. First choice for Saturday and Sunday is the Middle Atlantic at Newburgh, N.Y., which was postponed earlier this month. If that falls through, the skaters will go to Glens Falls, N.Y., for the winter carnival which also was postponed earlier this month. Canceled races for this week end were the Central Adirondacks at Northville and the Mohawk Valley championships at Amsterdam.

## Winter Sports Committee Finds Weather Uncooperative

Mr. Robert Burns, known as a poet and because there is a popular cigar named for him, is responsible for remarking that the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley. This is particularly true of those who assume conventional behavior by the weather. At the present moment it is especially applicable to Pittsfield's Winter Sports Committee, which has laid out a well rounded program of winter sports, only to have their work threatened with the blight of futility by a spell of weather that has failed to produce not only ice and snow, but even freezing temperatures.

The committee, consisting of some 35 volunteer workers, was formed originally at the suggestion of Jackson Perry three years ago. The programs carried out by the committee members appeal to all age classes, from 10-year-olds up, and comprise all the familiar winter sports, such as skiing, skating, hockey, sled racing, which make up winter carnival week scheduled to begin on January 29. The group is also responsible for bringing to this region the national championship downhill and slalom races for juniors which will be held on Greylock on February 26 and 27.

The activities mentioned while comprehensive, are only those that could be expected. What distinguishes the committee's work is the ingenuity shown in devising enterprises that increase the appeal of the program. This year, the season was ushered in with a film by John Jay, showing winter sports events in the 1948 Olympics. For shut-ins, vicarious participants, and those whom advancing years and waistlines render outdoor activity too strenuous, there are movies at the Berkshire Museum from time to time. And to assist those who cannot afford the more expensive kind of winter equipment, the committee each year sponsors a sale of gear that has been outgrown by its owners, or for any other reason is not being used.

When so many workers are involved, it is hard to mention the names of any individuals without doing an injustice to those who are not specified. However, it is only fair to remark that the committee chairman, Francis Douglas, has done an outstanding job and that the success of its efforts are due in considerable degree to his able administration.

It is depressing not to say frustrating, to have plans based on apparently sound premises go for naught because the weather proves uncooperative. However, while time seems lacking to provide snow for the snow events in the carnival, there is plenty of time for ice to form. And, leaving the carnival out, there is still plenty of time for everything. No one who knows winter Berkshire will be inclined to speak of it in the past tense until well along in March, or even in early April.



## Miss Althizer in Fast Finish Captures Title of Snow Queen

**Benedict Road Girl Jumped From Fifth Place in Final Week—Connie Bedierczki Is Second, Jane Wowk Third**

Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Althizer of 108 Benedict Road, will be crowned snow queen of the winter carnival at the ball in the Sheraton Hotel Feb. 4, after winning an uphill fight for the honor.

In the month-long contest full of upsets and precedents, the nine contestants sold a record number of 20,035 buttons. That is triple the 6000 sold in 1947 and much more than the 12,000 last year.

Miss Connie T. Bedierczki took second place, Miss Jane Wowk third and Miss Phyllis Mlynarczyk, fourth. Following this year's precedent, only the leaders are being announced.

### Merriwell Finish

In winning the title, Miss Althizer put on a surprising finish. Last week she moved up to fifth place, the first time she entered the top circle. Two days later she was in second place, and last night put her into first. She sold 3644 buttons or 418 more than last year's queen, Miss Carolyn A. Budrow, who will turn over her crown at the ball.

Miss Althizer, besides earning the title to reign over the carnival from Jan. 29 to Feb. 6, will get a gift certificate of \$100; a gown from the Textile Store, and a cape from Toni (tailoring shop on North Street).

Miss Bedierczki will be given a gift certificate of \$75, and a \$25 bond for winning the bond-week contest earlier this month. Miss Jane Wowk will receive \$50 for third, and Miss Mlynarczyk gets \$25. The other five contestants will be given \$15 each. All the contestants and their escorts will be admitted free to the carnival ball.

Unlike former queen contests, the winner was always in doubt. The lead changed almost as regularly as the report meetings with no less than five girls holding that post at one time or another.

Cochairmen Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski complimented the girls for selling the record total of buttons in spite of the unseasonable weather which ordinarily has a depressing effect on sales.

## Three Boys Carry Off Honors At 2d Annual City Ski Meet



Ernest Dube, winner of the downhill, cross-country and slalom (combined runs) for boys under 18 years old, leans into a turn during the city's second annual ski meet on the Rosenfeld property, South Mountain Road, yesterday afternoon.

John Seely Jr., John Campbell and Ernest Dube carried off most of the honors at the second annual Pittsfield ski meet, yesterday on South Mountain Road. There were 20 entrants.

Young Seely won the slalom and downhill in the under 12-year-old class; Campbell took the slalom, downhill and cross-country in the under 15-year-old class; and Dube won the downhill and cross-country in the under 18-year class.

Other winners were Herbert Evans, in the cross-country for skiers under 12 years old; and John Whalen, first in the slalom for boys under 18.

### The summary:

Under 12 years: Slalom (best combined two runs)—John Seely, Danny Perry, Robert Hawbolt. Downhill—Seely, Wayne Scoville, Evans. Cross country—Evans, Edward Viner, Perry.

Under 15 years: Slalom (combined runs), downhill and cross-country—Campbell first, David Dalton second, in all three events.

Under 18 years: Slalom: John

Whalen. Best combined runs, Dube. Downhill, Dube, Whalen. Cross-country—Dube, Whalen.

### Skating Today At Springside Park Only

There's skating today — at Springside Park only. The park will be open also for coasting, tobogganing and skiing at 3 this afternoon until 9:30 tonight. Clapp Park will be open for all the above winter sports except skating. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, also announced that Springside Park's skating area will be reserved every night from 5:30 to 6:30 for the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team. Maintenance men are trying to get the Clapp Park and Common skating areas ready for the skating meet this week end.

## City Eyes Portable Building For Use as Athletic Arena

**Mayor Says Purchase of Huge Navy Structure Being Considered—Cost Estimated at \$100,000**

Mayor Capeless disclosed this morning that the city is investigating the possible purchase of a huge, Quonset-type portable Navy-surplus building that could be used as a municipal athletic arena and auditorium.

The structure is at the Naval Training Center at Sampson, N.Y., the mayor stated, and may be obtained by Pittsfield for the cost of transporting it here and assembling it at whatever site might be selected.

It has been roughly estimated that this cost might amount to \$100,000. The mayor emphasized, however, that the city has not submitted any official request for the building and will not do so until the cost factors are definitely established.

The structure is built of steel and concrete, measures 330 feet by 220, and would probably have a seating capacity of more than 7500. Similar Navy-surplus buildings have been purchased and assembled by Middlebury, Holy Cross and Springfield Colleges.

### Russell's Suggestion

Although he described the arrangements as "still pretty indefinite," Mayor Capeless said that Pittsfield apparently has an inside track on acquisition of the giant Quonset. He added that its availability was first called to his at-

tention by Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Russell and that subsequent investigations were made by Assistant Superintendent John J. Moran, who served as contact man with school officials in Boston and Washington. Further assistance in the project was provided by Robert Nolan, former Pittsfield resident who is now with the state Department of Education in Boston.

The principal use for the building, if the city decides to obtain it, would be in connection with school athletic programs, the mayor said. He added that it might be possible to pay a large part of the moving and assembling costs with the \$74,000 Wahconah Park grandstand fund, which has not been used because it proved insufficient for construction of the proposed grandstand.

Although he pointed out that it is impossible to make specific recommendations at this time, the mayor suggested this morning that the structure might be placed near the baseball field at Wahconah Park, where it could perform the supplementary function of providing badly needed rest-room and dressing-room facilities. As an alternative, he suggested that it might be used economically as an auditorium and gymnasium for a new high school if Dr. Engelhardt's recommendations for such a building are enacted.

## Five Youths To Represent City In Sled Races

Three boys and two girls will represent Pittsfield in the First National Sled Derby at Saranac Lake, Feb. 12 and 13 as the result of winning their events Saturday afternoon at Clapp Park in a field of 60.

The winners and their age groups are: Jimmy Farrell, under 7; Curtis Douglas, under 11 and Robert Viner, under 14 for the boys; and Shirley Mayo under 11 and Dorothy Morwick under 14 in the girls' group.

Other winners, in the order they placed in the boys' group, were: John Cassidy, under 7; Charles, Rohlf and Joseph Varano, under 11; Bruce Damms and Harry McNulty, under 14; for the girls, Ruth Morrow and Carol Knight, under 11; Marcia Lipsey, and Marilyn Swanson, under 14.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, said the coasters will accompany the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team to the Lake Colby, N.Y., meet, which will be held a short distance from Saranac Lake, N.Y. H. Franklin Jones was chairman of Saturday's event.

## Rooms Needed For 40 Skaters

**Volunteers Asked  
To Communicate  
With Committee**

Housing facilities are needed for about 40 more skaters who plan to participate in the fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating championships this week end.

So far, enough volunteers have been found to accommodate about 140 participants with Saturday night lodging and in some cases, Sunday morning breakfast. Anyone willing to house skaters on that basis are asked to notify the Park Department, 9797, or: Mrs. William A. Knoblock, Mrs. Frank L. Woods, Mrs. Jackson J. Perry, Mrs. Arthur S. Fox, Mrs. Frank E. Cooke or Mrs. Norman B. Hollister.

Besides those published earlier, the following have offered to house skaters:

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Canterella, Mr. and Mrs. John Burbank, Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. May, Mr. and Mrs. Gino Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford C. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe B. England, Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Yeats, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bagy Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Aibick, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Llewellyn Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Rosenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner M. Gamwell, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cusato, Mrs. Agnes H. Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Valin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wohrle.

## Skating Limited; Skiing Excellent

There is good skating only at Springside Park, but skiing is excellent at Clapp and Springside Parks. Free instructions in skiing will be given at both areas every night Monday through Friday from 7 to 9. The areas will be supervised from 3 to 5:30 and 6:30 to 9:30.



# Pittsfield Skaters Win Glens Falls Meet <sup>56.</sup>

## Nancy Ann, Longsjo, Goguen Are Big Point Winners

**Locals Edge Paterson, N.J., in Taking 16-Team Competition—Next Event Is Berkshire Hills Meet at Clapp Park**

GLENS FALLS, N.Y.—By the narrowest of competitive margins, 10 points, the Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speedskating Club yesterday took honors in the 16-team annual Glens Falls championship meet. Winning points in six divisions, Pittsfield amassed a total of 220 to nose out Paterson, N.J., which was second with 210. It was the second meet title for Pittsfield in three starts in this abbreviated season.

**Close Finish in 220**

Newburgh, N.Y., was third with 180, followed by Lake Colby, N.Y., with 140, and Saranac Lake, N.Y., with 120. The field of 16 was the largest thus far of the season. One hundred seventy-two individual skaters were registered.

The Pittsfield team is scheduled to make its only home appearance of the season at Clapp Park next week end. The occasion will be the two-day annual Berkshire Hills championship meet.

Nancy Ann Viner, 1948 North American and national midget girls' champion, Art Longsjo and Alex Goguen were the big point-winners for Pittsfield. Twelve-year-old Nancy Ann and Art, 17, took their class championships.

Little Miss Viner, now competing in the juvenile class, won the 440-yard race, and was second in a 220-yard thriller. Nancy Ann and Joan Russell of Newburgh were so close at the finish that one first-place judge voted for Miss Viner and the other called Miss Russell. The issue was settled in the Newburgh girl's favor, when both of the second-place judges reported that Miss Viner was second.

Angie Del Signore of Pittsfield was runner-up to Miss Viner in the 440, and placed fourth in the 220. Miss Russell didn't place in the quarter-mile, so Nancy Ann secured the divisional championship.

Longsjo took the intermediate boys' crown with a first in the mile and a second in the 440. Alex Goguen of Pittsfield won the senior men's 220-yard race, and was third in the mile. He also captured the special three-mile race, but no point award is made for that.

Miss Barbara Mooney, the Schenectady, N.Y., girl who represents Pittsfield, showed considerable improvement by winning the senior women's 220-yard dash and placing third in the 440.

Bette Jane Goerlach of Pittsfield was third in the midget girls' one-sixth of a mile, and her teammate, Doris Shantz was third in the junior girls' 440.

## Winter Carnival Events Listed By Committee

Final plans made last night for the winter carnival week now in progress include movies at the Berkshire Museum tomorrow at 4 and 8, and a figure-skating exhibition by Clark Harding's pupils at the Harding rink on Williams Street Friday night at 7.30.

Three color films on skiing and mountain climbing, plus short subjects on hockey and figure-skating will be shown at each performance. Admission will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults in the afternoon, and 50 cents for everyone at night. Bartlett Hendricks, chairman of the affair, will be interviewed over Station WBRK tonight at 6.15 on Dan Healey's sports program.

In announcing final plans for the crowning of the snow queen, Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, at the Hotel Sheraton Friday night from 9 to 1, with Sammy Vincent's orchestra, the committee pointed out it will be a semiformal affair.

## Golden Agers' Profit From Park Show

**Entertainment At Masons' Event Nets \$15**

Pittsfield's Golden Age Club, for people 65 years or older, now has \$15 in its treasury as the result of a party presented last night at the annual athletic night of the Mystic lodge of Masons in Masonic Temple. About 60 people contributed the money and then served refreshments for the young performers. William C. Root was general chairman of the affair.

Under the direction of John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, in the Park Department, members of the Hibbard and Christian Community Centers presented boxing and musical entertainment.

Dave Shade was referee and Mr. Massimiano was timer for the three two-minute-round bouts which had Tommy Gaylord fighting George Loughran, Dominic Descani against Emile Henault and Eugene Mazza boxing Joseph Zaccari.

Richard and Joseph Frolo and George Morrissey sang several selections, and Gilda DeFazio sang and played the harmonica. Martin Saltarelli and Robert Costi played the accordion.

Similar one-hour shows will be presented by the Park Department group for anyone willing to contribute to the Golden Age Club's treasury, Miss Duggan said. The club, which has attracted a total of more than 100 at its two meetings, has no outside funds to finance activities. The Pittsfield College Club has underwritten expenses so far, but will find it difficult to continue its efforts unless financial help is offered.

Miss Duggan, who represents the Park Department at the old peoples' club, pointed out that no charge is made for attendance at the club functions because many are not in a position to pay. The club meets every other Tuesday in the YMCA, with the next meeting the 15th.

## City Officials To Inspect Surplus Unit

**Mayor Heads Delegation Going to Springfield College**

A group of city officials headed by Mayor Capeless will go to Springfield tomorrow to inspect a giant Navy-surplus arena of the type that the mayor said yesterday may be acquired in the near future by Pittsfield.

The structure to be inspected is at Springfield College, where it is being used as an auditorium and gymnasium. Those in the inspection party will include Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Russell, City Council President Edward J. McDonald, Park Commission Chairman Monroe B. England, and Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry.

This development followed the mayor's announcement yesterday that Pittsfield has first refusal on a similar Navy-surplus building which is now at the Naval Training Center in Sampson, N.Y. The arena measures 330 feet by 220, has an estimated seating capacity exceeding 7500, and would be used primarily in connection with school athletic programs.

Although the mayor emphasized yesterday that the city has made no commitments, he said that the building could be acquired for the cost of transporting it here and assembling it. It has been roughly estimated that the bill for this might run to about \$100,000.

## Figure Skaters To Perform Tomorrow Night

An informal figure-skating exhibition will be given tomorrow night at 7.30 at the Clark Harding rink, 300 Williams Street. Alexander Garnish, chairman of the winter carnival's figure-skating committee, said the ice is in good condition, and if the weatherman continues to co-operate, a 40-minute program will be presented.

Solos will be given by Charlene Vickery, Susie and Sandra Garnish, Patricia Anderson and Janet Hodecker. Sheila McCormick and Carol Selkowitz will dance as a pair, and a team will dance a polka. A white and red drill team of 20 girls each will perform and the finale will include the entire group.

## Firemen Withdraw Request For Use of Wahconah Park

**Lawn Party and Muster Plans in Doubt—Park Commission Bans Use of Facilities for Game-of-Chance Events**

Speculation as to whether the Pittsfield Permanent Firemen's Benefit Association would stage its annual Fourth of July lawn party and firemen's muster grew today, as the Park Commission disclosed that the group had withdrawn its request for use of Wahconah Park for the event.

William H. Peaslee, general chairman of the firemen's committee, declined to comment. He said his organization will issue a statement within a week.

The commission simultaneously announced that it had adopted two regulations at a meeting yesterday afternoon. One denies use of existing park facilities to any organization, group or individuals which plan carnivals or lawn parties involving games of chance. The commission emphasized that the firemen withdrew their request prior to the action.

The other new rule provides that bleachers will not be loaned or rented for use other than on existing park properties, except to public and parochial schools and city departments.

The commission said that in recent years use of Wahconah Park has been denied to charitable organizations, which asked for it for carnivals and lawn parties. It said the firemen's association event was an exception, because the organization represents the personnel of a city department.

## Three Pittsfield Skaters To Compete In National Races

Pittsfield will have three representatives at the national speedskating races in St. Paul, Minn., this week end. The Northern New York Speedskating Association's board of control has given Arthur Longsjo, Alex Goguen and Barbara Mooney permission to skate in the races. Miss Mooney, a resident of Schenectady, N.Y., skates with the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club. They will leave this afternoon at 5 by car with Tom Fina and Linus Fobare who skated with the Lake Colby SC last week end. An expense award of \$100 given by the St. Paul officials will be split between Fina and Longsjo.

The local speedskaters will compete at Lake Colby, N.Y., this week end.

## Blum Captures Title in Meet At Newburgh

NEWBURGH, N.Y. (UP)—Ray Blum of Nutley, N.J., and Myra Shapiro of Brooklyn, won the division championships of the 1949 Middle Atlantic speedskating meet yesterday.

Miss Shapiro, a 22-year-old bank clerk who entered the speedskating ranks only a year ago, won all three events in the women's division to defeat champion Mary Lynch of Newburgh.

Blum won the 440-yard and 880-yard races and finished second in the 220-yard and mile events to take the men's crown. Bobby Jahn of Bogota, N.J., was runner-up.

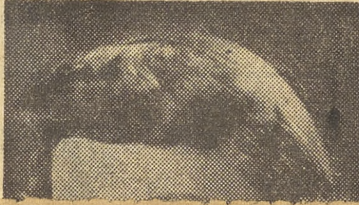
Blum won two races in the meet at Pittsfield, Mass., Saturday.



# Fourth Annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival

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## Winter Carnival Program

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- 1.00 PM—3rd Annual Pittsfield Sled Races.
- 2.30 PM—4th Annual Pittsfield Speed Skating Championship.  
(Both events in Clapp Park).

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 2.00 PM—1st Annual Berkshire Hills Figure Skating Exhibition (Clapp Park).
- Morning and Afternoon—1st Annual Ice Fishing Derby (Pontoosuc Lake).
- 2.00 PM—2nd Annual Pittsfield Ski Meet (Springside Park).

### MONDAY, JANUARY 31

- Final Judging and Exhibition in the 1st Annual Winter Sports Photography Contest.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7.00 PM—2nd Annual Snow Man Contest (Clapp Park).
- 8.00 PM—Basketball Game on Ice.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 4.00 and 8.00 PM—Winter Carnival Movies in co-operation with the Berkshire Museum (Berkshire Museum).

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

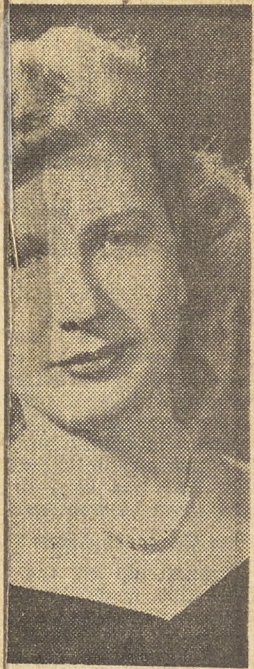
- Informal Figure Skating Exhibition, Clark Harding's Rink, 300 William St.
- Berkshire Hills Interscholastic Ski Meet (Pittsfield State Forest)
- 10.30 AM—Cross Country.
- 2.00 PM—Slalom.
- 9.00 PM to 1.00 AM—Winter Carnival Ball (Hotel Sheraton).

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Berkshire Hills Interscholastic Ski Meet (Pittsfield State Forest).
- 10.30 AM—Downhill.
- 2.00 PM—Jumping.
- 1.00 PM—4th Annual Berkshire Hills Outdoor Speedskating Championships (Clapp Park).

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 1.00 PM—4th Annual Berkshire Hills Speed Skating Championships (Clapp Park).



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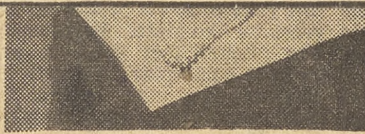


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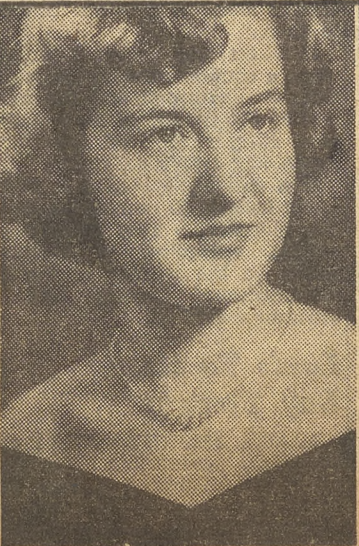
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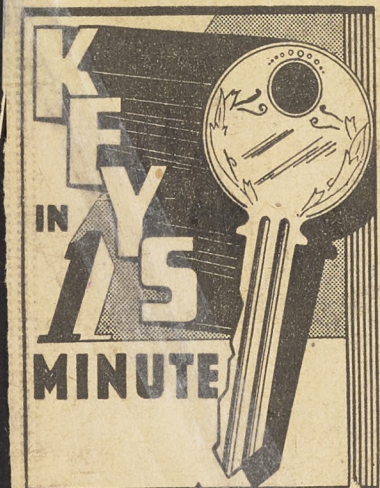
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### College Results

**BASKETBALL**  
Iowa State 40, Colorado 31.  
Vanderbilt 36, Alabama 31.  
Albany State Teachers 67, New Haven (Conn.) State Teachers, 65.  
South Dakota State 51, North Dakota University 36.  
Bradley 57, Wichita 49.  
Davidson 54, Citadel 25.  
Yale 62, Dartmouth 41.  
Duquesne 52, Loyola (Chicago) 51 (overtime).



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## Sports News In Brief Form

By The Associated Press

### Golf

**LONG BEACH, Cal.**—Ben Hogan and Jimmy Demaret tied in the \$10,000 Long Beach open tournament. Both finished the 72-hole course deadlocked at 272, forcing a play-off.

### Football

**WASHINGTON**—Thomas' Leon (Bull) Cochran, former Auburn fullback, signed a pro contract with the Washington Redskins.

**LOS ANGELES**—The Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Conference signed former University of Southern California quarterback George Murphy and guard Bob Bastian.

### Baseball

**BOSTON**—The signed contract of Tex Hughson, former star right-hander, was received by the Boston Red Sox.

**PHILADELPHIA**—The Philadelphia Athletics announced the signing of first baseman Ferris Fain, pitcher Jim Wilson and rookie infielder J. Nelson Fox.

**NEW YORK**—Veteran outfielder Charley Keller was signed by the New York Yankees.

**NEWARK, N.J.**—Buddy Hassett, former major league first baseman, signed a one-year contract to pilot the Newark International League Bears.

**PITTSBURGH**—The Pittsburgh Pirates signed rookie pitchers Fred Uhlman and Fred Strobel.

night in an exhibition bout at the Orange Bowl.

Ray, a hard-hitting Negro from Hastings, Fla., has long awaited the chance tonight's six-round set-off offers him to prove his fitness for a championship bout.

## Soldo Wins Men's Tourney on Sport Haven With 343

John Soldo won the weekly tourney for men on the Sport Haven Alleys with a three-string total of 343. A field of 50 participated and Roger Bastian finished second with 338 and Tom Nally third with 334. Ken Mariano rolled high single of 120. Blind prizes were won by Milt Sherman, Louie Wesley, Mike Luciani, Blanchard Horn, John Howard, Art Hemenway and Edward Schermerhorn.

## BOXING

By The Associated Press

**CINCINNATI**—Jo Weidn, 210, Austria, decisioned Walter Hafet, 207½, Maysville, Ky., 10.

**BUFFALO**—Joey De John, 158½, Buffalo, knocked out Lou Valles, 156, New York, 1.

**NEW YORK**—Bobby Mann, 155, Trenton, N.J., decisioned Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 152½, New York, 8.

**LONDON**—Luc Van Dam, 161, Holland, decisioned Al Finch, 160½, London, 10; Solly Cantor, 135½, Paterson, N.J., decisioned Tommy McGovern, 135½, England.

**BROOKLYN**—Artie Levine, 165½, Brooklyn, stopped Tom McKeagney, 170½, Boston, 8.

**NEW ORLEANS**—Keith Hamilton, 134½, New Orleans, and Freddie Russo, 134½, Rahway, N.J., drew, 10.

**HOLYOKE**—Charlie (Cabey) Lewis, 128, Brooklyn, decisioned George Dunn, 132, Hartford, Conn., 10.

**NEWARK, N.J.**—Jimmy Herring, 156, New York, stopped Tony Rose, 155½, Newark, 6.

**LEWISTON, Me.**—Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, 141½, Lisbon, Me., decisioned Ed die Bolduc, 137½, Sherbrooke, Quebec, 8.

**WASHINGTON**—Leo Le Bron, 123, Montreal, decisioned Jimmy Cooper, 124, Washington, 10.

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.**—Dave Andrews, 143½, Lowell, Mass., decisioned Chuck Taylor, 146½, Gallitzin, Pa., 10.

**BOSTON**—Percy Paris, 130½, New Glasgow, N.S., decisioned Edgar Gallant, 130½, Gardiner, 10.

tailor. But finally, 'or ready interested in assets abilities, decided that the piring of these vaudevill paid off much better, an much less wear and tear the actual participation.

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Numa finally, caught

# Fourth Annual Pittsfield Winter Carnival

Sponsored by the Winter Sports Committee, Department of Parks and Recreation

January 29th through February 7th

Miss Connie T. Biedrzold



Miss Jane Wowk



Miss Carole M. Gerlach

The  
Queen



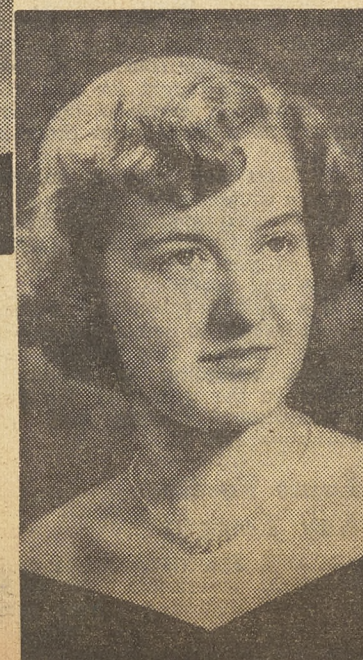
Miss Catherine A. Althizer



Miss Anne E. Beckmann



Miss Dorothy J. Fairman



Miss Dorothy M. Ellis



Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk



Miss Dianne D. Shuster



## Sheraton Hotel's Headquarters for Skaters, Dancers

Skating and dancing headquarters tonight for the winter carnival will be at the Hotel Sheraton. Skaters planning to compete in tomorrow and Sunday's fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating meet should register in the hotel after 4 this afternoon. The desk clerk will direct them to the winter carnival headquarters room. And from 9 to 1 tonight, Sammy Vincent's orchestra will play for the semiformal carnival ball where Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer will be crowned snow queen by last year's queen, Miss Carolyn A. Budrow.

## Winter Sports Photo Contest Ends March 15

Amateur and professional photographers in three different age groups may submit not more than five prints each of winter shots in the winter carnival program photographic contest which will end March 15. Max H. Sauter, chairman, said the committee will accept photographs of snow scenes and winter sports activities such as skating, skiing, sleigh-riding and snow sculpturing.

Photos may be as large as five by seven inches in black and white only, and may be developed by professionals. One group will be for 14 years of age and under; another for 15 to 18; and a third for anyone over 18. Certificates will be awarded in each class and some of the winning shots will be published.

Mr. Sauter pointed out the committee reserves the right to buy pictures for publicity purposes. Contestants should mail or deliver prints to the Park Department office on School Street, being sure to write with soft pencil the name, address and age class on the back of each print.

## Pontoosuc Ice Derby

PONTOOSUC LAKE, the "poor man's pork barrel," will be the scene, Feb. 6, of Pittsfield's first ice-fishing derby. It may also well be Berkshire's first event of this kind for as far as we know nothing like it, at least on so grand a scale, has ever been attempted before in the county. Because the contest is not limited to Pittsfield residents there is strong possibility—ice and weather conditions being favorable—a big turnout. Entry tickets have been distributed around the county in an effort to get as wide a participation of the ice fishermen, youths and adults, as possible.

Although the derby is being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department as one of the features of the winter carnival, the responsibility for its success rests largely with members of the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club. They volunteered their services and will

By THEODORE GIDDINGS

serve throughout the day, from 7 AM to 4 PM, without pay. The Stafford brothers, Bob and Harry, are co-chairmen of the event, and suitable prizes will be awarded to winners in the various classes.

When the ice fishing derby was first proposed, there was some question of whether it was the type of sporting activity that should be encouraged. Fishing derbies as such have fallen into disrepute of late largely because of poor management. For the most part, however, these derbies have been held in salt waters and have been season-long events. The objection that they have brought too much fishing pressure in one area may not hold true for a single day's event such as the one scheduled for Pontoosuc. That doesn't mean, though, that the local derby should become an annual affair. Only experience will determine that, and much will depend on the results of the experiment on Feb. 6. The derby is worth a fair trial and should be given every possible encouragement as it makes its Berkshire debut.

Dogs should be kept at home or watched closely during the next two months, the Wildlife Management Institute advises. Anyone doubting this constructive suggestion should take a look at the pictures snapped by John Gribbon of the deer that he and Eddie Kirchner found in Wahconah Falls Brook Saturday. The posterior quarters of the animal apparently had been chewed away by dogs. In fact, a dog was chased away from the dead animal by John and Eddie when they arrived at the brook. The picture wasn't published because it was too gruesome, especially for children to see, but it would have been a good object lesson for those who don't seem to care whether their dogs run wild. Last January, in 10 days, roaming dogs slaughtered 1000 deer in neighboring New York State. This is the season when deer customarily yard, thereby becoming extremely vulnerable to canine packs. A few uncontrolled dogs can pull down large numbers of whitetails within a short time when deep snows impede the movements of the animals. Fortunately, for the deer, there hasn't been much snow, but it is unreasonable to expect that this condition will prevail for the remainder of the winter.

### Fine Carnival Program

All that is needed to make the winter carnival here for three days starting today a tremendous success is favorable weather. The committee has worked hard for weeks on various details and not only, has attracted a large list of entrants but has arranged to make it pleasant for the visitors while here.

The interscholastic ski meet will be held at the Pittsfield State Forest today and tomorrow and the Berkshire Hills speedskating championships will take place tomorrow and Sunday. The skating races tomorrow will be held at the Common and the scene will be shifted to Clapp Park for Sunday if that rink is in shape. The Common has an eight-lap course and Clapp has a six-lap layout.

Pittsfield High has won the individual and team championships in the ski meet seven out of eight years the event has been held. Deerfield won in 1941 the second year in the history of the meet. Verne Goodwin of Pittsfield copped the individual title in 1947 and 1948 and will endeavor to land the honors for the third time in succession.

The committee has arranged a very attractive souvenir program covering the fourth annual winter carnival activities.

## Pittsfield's Hospitality Praised by Skating Official

Elmer Greenwood, president of the Northern New York Skating Association, praised Pittsfield for its "100 per cent hospitality," in his opening speech of the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championships Saturday on the Common.

Shortly before leaving yesterday afternoon, Mr. Greenwood also complimented Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, for a successful meet and added "Pittsfield is lucky to have such an efficient and energetic worker as you in the Park Department."

Mrs. William A. Knoblock, chairman of the housing committee, reported that 160 skaters were as-

signed housing for the week end. A total of 93 homes offered volunteer housing by Pittsfield residents, but all were not needed. Mrs. Knoblock pointed out that the Paterson, N.J., and Newburgh, N.Y., clubs left early to attend the Newburgh meet so that last-minute cancellations were necessary. But she extended thanks to all who volunteered whether or not their offer was taken up.

Mrs. Knoblock related one incident that points up the surprise and pleasure of the visitors. A group of five from Brooklyn arrived shortly before the meet and was offered housing. When their offer to pay was declined, the group remarked, "They never treat us this way at home."

## Speedskating Races in Doubt As Entrance Deadline Nears

With registration deadline for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championship only 48 hours away, the 142 contestants from 22 clubs still are left on-the-fence for ice. Final decision on whether the meet will take place will be made Thursday.

Snow is being cleared from Onota and Pontoosuc Lakes and the park maintenance men are spraying Clapp Park and the Common. Ice-making was going along fine until the recent snow and warm weather. It may be necessary to run the opening day's events one place and the second day's at another, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said.

Six of the ten newly-crowned silver skates champions will be on hand for the competition, as will a total of 51 senior men, the largest number yet to compete in an outdoor meet this season. Expected to do well are Anthony and Paul Cal-

lipare, and Herman Van Putten, Alfred Broadhurst, Raymond Blum the Olympic team member from Paterson, N.J., and Mary Lynch, defending champion in the senior lady event is expected to repeat.

### Other Competitors

Competitors in the intermediate meet will be John Jarosak, defending champ, who may be pushed by Arthur Longsjö, local entry; Robert Hall, silver skates champ; and in the girls' class, Aldrina LeBell, winner at Saratoga and Saranac Lake, may be pressed by Gwen Dubois of Newburgh and Mary Dame from Boston.

Junior competition will be provided by Victor Bonneau, local entry, Donald Van Putten and Joseph Kelliher. In the junior girls, Marion Tomlinson and Marcella Trowse will battle it out, with Peggy Ann Fox, silver skates champ to put up a fight.

In the juvenile boys, Tom Carangi, and James LaFountain are expected to do well, and in the juvenile girls' Nancy Ann Viner and Angie DelSignor of the local club will be competing against Joan Russell of Newburgh and Estelle Duran of the Bay State Club.

Midget boys who will skate are Kenneth LeBell, 1946 champ, Ray Larson who took the silver skates, and Robert Dunn and Richard Simard of Pittsfield. Elaine Smith of Saranac Lake is expected to take the midget girls with Bette Jane Goerlach and Eleanor Wesley of Pittsfield pressing her, along with Claire Johnson, silver skates champ.

## AAU Champion May Go to Oklahoma City

### Plans Being Made For Event Here First Week of March

The team which wins the second annual Eastern States AAU basketball tournament at the State Armory here during the first week of March probably will be sent to the national AAU meet at Oklahoma City, Okla., with all expenses paid.

This was announced last night by John A. Massimiano, supervisor of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, at a meeting of the tournament committee. He said several details still have to be worked out, but it appears likely the champion of the local tournament will make the trip.

With the exception of a Pittsfield representative and the defending champion Immaculate Conception club of Elizabeth, N.J., only district AAU champions will be eligible to compete this year. Six will be chosen from a field of ten possibilities.

Tentative dates for the tournament are Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 4, 5 and 6. The event is being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Boys' Club and the National Guard units.

George Ditmar Sr., was elected chairman of the tournament committee. Miss Jane Renzi was named chairman of the housing committee, and David I. Sweeney was chosen chairman of the ticket committee. Members of the general committee are William A. Knoblock, Elrich J. Archey, Edward Coffey, Robert Catman, Jackson J. Perry, Fred S. Fahey, John M. Flynn, Roger O'Gara, Dan Healy, Miss Vera Gentile, Miss Margaret Kirby, Miss Lillian Belair, Miss Mary Stavaski, Miss Marie Massery, Miss Renzi, Mr. Ditmar, Mr. Sweeney, and Mr. Massimiano.



# Interscholastic Ski Meet, Skating

## Cross Country and Slalom To Be Run Off Tomorrow

Skating Meet To Open Saturday  
On the Common—Forecast of Cold  
Weather Assures Satisfactory Ice

By ANTHONY G. RUD

The opening of the Berkshire interscholastic ski meet tomorrow morning at the Pittsfield State Forest and the Berkshire outdoor speedskating championships Saturday on the Common will start the week end wind-up of competitive events in Pittsfield's fourth annual winter carnival.

### Local Skiers Defend Title

Pittsfield High School will be shooting for the interscholastic title for the seventh year in a row, opening up in the cross country tomorrow morning and 10.30 and the slalom at 2 in the afternoon. The meet will continue Saturday with the downhill at 10.30 AM and the jumping at 2.

Everything is set for the big skating meet, with plenty of ice already and more cold weather in prospect. Although the opening races of the two-day event will be held on the Common, Sunday's competition may be at Clapp Park. Coach Willard Bridgham of the Pittsfield High ski team is optimistic about chances for his eight-man squad, consisting of two four-event men and six others entered in two or three events.

Verne Goodwin, last year's individual titleholder who won everything but the jump, will be entered in all the events, as will James Dunham. Other members are Paul Bousquet, Paul Wagenknecht, Kenneth Wilde, James Kilfeather, Douglas Greene and Peter Lovejoy.

Goodwin, Dunham, Bousquet, Wagenknecht and Kilfeather are entered in the cross country; and Goodwin, Dunham, Bousquet, Wilde and Greene in the slalom.

Coach Bridgham says Goodwin and Kilfeather should come out near the top in the cross country; and that Goodwin, Dunham and Bousquet may turn in very close times in the slalom.

About 80 will compete, counting teams from Pittsfield, Choate, Kingswood, Knott Terrace, Hotchkiss, Deerfield, Williamstown High, Drury, Lenox, Berkshire School and Adams.

### Skating Meet Definitely On

Yesterday's cold spell, and the forecast of more ice-making weather for today and tomorrow, led Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, to say the skating meet definitely will be held.

Mr. Perry pointed out that maintenance men are preparing both the Common and Clapp Park. Clapp is preferable because it is a six-lap rink, while the Common is an eight-lap affair. But maintenance men are doubtful that Clapp will be ready for the week end.

Maintenance men worked all day yesterday and through last night's near-zero temperatures to get the areas in shape. Mr. Perry explained that all the meets so far this year have been on eight-lap tracks, but that the national and North American are run off on six-lap affairs such as exist at Clapp Park.

Officials for the meet are: Clerk of course, Alfred Basiliere; assistant clerk, Thomas Stack of Dalton; scorer, Bernard O. Plouffe; assistant scorer, Franklin H. Jones; announcer, Dan Healey, assisted by Joseph Sammon and Robert Walton of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; doctors, Anthony G. Massimiano and Marshall F. Wood; registrars, the Misses Vera Gentile, Dorothy Johnson, Mary Stavaski and Rose Stomski; official photographer, William Plouffe.

Honorary referees, Mayor Robert T. Capeless and Monroe B. England. Honorary judges, City Council, Park Commissioners and visiting officials.

ant. Jack MacGowan, Pittsfield. Starter, Robert Phillips, Troy, N.Y. Assistant, Carl Engleman, Hartford, Conn. Chief judge, Frank Callahan, Schenectady, N.Y. Chief timer, Harlan J. Gallagher, Amsterdam, N.Y. Assistants, Norman B. Hollister, George Childs, Austin Van Zile and Art S. Fox. Chief corner judge, William A. Knoblock, Pittsfield. Assistants, Alex Garbish, Dan Martin, Robert G. Stafford, Sumner Gamwell, James McNeice, Walter Goerlach, Frank Cooke. Finish line judges, John Seeley, James Stack, Eugene Case, Joseph Canavan, Willard Yeats of Pittsfield and Dan Riordan, Glens Falls; Joseph Spender and Leroy Eckerson of Fort Johnson, N.Y.

## Snow Queen To Receive Many Gifts

### Winter Carnival Ball To Be Held Tomorrow Night

Gifts ranging from a gown and cape to perfume, stationery and jewelry have been donated by local merchants to the snow queen and her retinue for distribution tomorrow night at the winter carnival ball in the Sheraton Hotel. The semi-formal dance will be from 9 to 1 with Sammy Vincent's orchestra playing.

Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, queen, will get a strapless formal gown of persian rose satin, with a bouffant skirt from the Textile Store; a short evening wrap of white wool trimmed with gold braid and lined with slipper satin from Toni's, and a gift certificate of \$100 from the button committee.

Miss Connie T. Bedierczki, runner-up, will be given a leopard ski hood from Elise Farr and second prize of a \$75 gift certificate.

Miss Jane Wowk, third, gets a gold scatter pin from E. R. Whitling Company as well as \$50 in gift certificates. Miss Phyllis V. Mlynarczyk, gets a brown wool garbardine ski pants from Yezzi, and a \$25 certificate.

The other contestants will get \$15 each in certificates and the following gifts will be divided among them: Bergdoff Goodman perfume from the Lisieux Shop; gold pin and set from the Gold Shop; sweater from the Paris Shop; gold bracelet from Park Jewelers; slippers from Bossidy's; and perfume from Margaret Flynn's. Each contestant and winner will also receive stationery from Eaton's.

## Championships To

## Feature Week End

## Golden Agers Elect Dr. Crawley; Fifty Attend Second Meeting

After electing officers, the Golden Age Club voted to meet every other week instead of weekly, at its second session yesterday afternoon in the YMCA.

Dr. Charles P. Crawley, retired dentist, is president; Stephen J. Burns is vice-president; Mrs. Letitia Emery is secretary; and Mrs. Johnson C. Connors is treasurer.

Before completing the business part of the meeting, the nearly 50 old folks passed a resolution making the members of the Pittsfield College Club and Park Department honorary members in gratitude for their work in organizing the club. Mrs. Hayward G. Carsley is chairman of the College Club group, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, represents the Park Department.

Thomas F. Dumont expressed the gratitude of the Golden Agers by saying, "We can't put in words our appreciation for the people

who are helping make this entertainment possible."

### Members Provide Entertainment

Entertainment was provided by the members themselves, with Mr. Burns reciting a humorous story, George A. Meyers at the piano and everyone singing. Song sheets were provided gratis by the Eagle Printing & Binding Company.

Mrs. Sarah Eddy recited a poem she wrote during World War II, entitled "Me Shelter Is Me Own Sweet 'Ome." Hugo T. Victoreen gave a poem ending with "...Count your age in friends—not in years." He also read an article about the rapid growth of clubs for old people in Cleveland, Ohio.

For their next meeting, Feb. 15, Mr. Meyers will play the piano, while another member has promised to bring his cornet and a third plans to make it a trio with his harmonica.

A bouquet was given Mrs. Bridgett Campion for having the most grandchildren and cigars went to Herbert Lester for being a paternal grandparent the most times. Mrs. Campion has 30 grandchildren and Mr. Lester has 26. They have one great-grandchild each. Mrs. Georgianna Therrien was runner-up with 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The slippery cold weather had a great deal to do with yesterday's lower attendance (there were 60 present at the initial meeting last week.)

Another factor holding down attendance was given by Dr. Crawley who said, "Several of my friends, age 96, 86 and 85 decided not to join because it is too hard to climb the stairs." The club meets on the second floor of the YMCA and is currently trying to find more accessible quarters which may be used for informal daily meetings. Anyone 65 years or older may join, and there is no charge. Anyone interested may call the Park Department, 9797.

## Visiting Athletes Feted in High School Saturday

About \$175 of the snow-queen button sale money was used to feed the 300 skaters, skiers and officials in the High School cafeteria Saturday night. The group ate 75 pounds of boiled ham, 150 pounds of scalloped potatoes, 400 Dixie cups, 20 gallons of coffee, 200 pints of milk, 70 pounds of cabbage and 60 dozen rolls.

The meal was served by the American Legion Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Willard D. Bridgham. The volunteer workers were Mrs. James Berry, Mrs. Lester Barker, Mrs. James Barnade, Mrs. Anna Martin, Mrs. Wallace Jordan, Mrs. Frank Feranti, Mrs. Clara Ryder, Mrs. Almon Roche, Mrs. Eugene Farris, Mrs. Mary Valenti, Mrs. Michael J. Kennedy, Mrs. Loring Tower, Mrs. Shirley Almstead, Mrs. Edward C. Murphy, Mrs. Roger H. Hartman, Mrs. August H. Killgas, Mrs. Howard Latimer, Mrs. Eve Schilling and Miss Eileen Berry.

Probably never before in Pittsfield's winter sports history has Mother Nature been so lavish with her deep-freeze locker as this Winter Carnival week end. It was neither too cold nor too hot, the ice was right for skating and fishing, and there was ample snow for the skiers... Paul Bousquet's winning the downhill against such formidable opposition as Verne Goodwin puts the stamp of long-range intelligence on his family's urging him last year to stay out of competition until he had perfected his style... One of the most appealing sights of the week end was little Bette Jane Goerlach's leap into her mother's arms Saturday afternoon after the mighty midget won the 440 on the Common ice...



# Speedskating Meet To Open on Common

## Fast Field of Contestants For Fourth Annual Event

**Nancy Ann Viner, Arthur Longsjø, Elaine Smith and Al Broadhurst Among Topnotchers Who Will Compete**

A total of 224 skaters are listed for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championships which will start tomorrow afternoon at 1 on the Common with the Sunday events being held at the same place unless Clapp Park is ready by then. They will compete in 40 events with a total of 92 individual races.

Races Start at 1.40

Francis E. Douglas, winter carnival chairman, will open the program, followed by remarks from Elmer Greenwood, president of the Northern New York Racing Association. The coaches and skating officials will be introduced followed by Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, snow queen, and her retinue. Following the parade of skaters, the first event, senior men's 440-yard dash, will be run off at 1.40.

Pittsfield's Parks Speedskating Club is expected to do well on both days. But Nancy Ann Viner and Angie DelSignor may get more competition than they expect because Elaine Smith may skate in the juvenile class instead of the midget group. Elaine beat Nancy Ann last year, and she will announce her decision tonight about which class she will compete in. If Elaine moves up, Bette Jane Goerlach may well become midget champion.

Other local skaters who are expected to do well are Victor Bonneau in the junior events, and Arthur Longsjø in the intermediate competition. Longsjø has won both meets he has competed in so far this year.

Seventy-three will compete in the senior men's division, the largest for any meet so far this year with Alfred Broadhurst defending his title in that group. Thirty-one are listed in the junior boys' division, which is four more than last year. Twenty will compete as midget boys and 25 in the juvenile boys.

Thirty-two clubs from five states and Canada will be participating on the eight-lap track at the Common. Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation said the ice on the Common is in good shape and the races will be held there. The Sunday events may be switched elsewhere if good enough ice is produced at Clapp Park or one of the lakes.

## Deep Freeze, Sunshine To Aid Carnival

The weatherman couldn't have done better by the Pittsfield winter carnival. After producing four inches of powder for the skiers and plenty of ice for the skaters, he's coming up with a deep freeze tonight and sunshine tomorrow.

Promise of a low of 10 above prompted Superintendent Jackson J. Perry of the Park Department to alert his workers for a repair job on the Common rink this evening. By tomorrow it should be like plateglass again for the second day of the skating derby.

The 11 schools in the Berkshire interscholastic ski meet found snow conditions well-nigh perfect yesterday and today. There was an eight-inch base topped with four inches of new powder.

## List of Events For Opening Day of Meet

Forty events with 92 individual races are listed for tomorrow, the opening day of the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating races on the Common. Ceremonies will begin at 1 with the first race scheduled for 1.40 in the senior men's 440-yard competition. The list of events follows:

Senior men, 440 yards—12 heats, 2 to qualify.  
Intermediate boys, 440 yards—3 semifinals, 2 to qualify.  
Junior boys, 440 yards—6 heats, 2 to qualify.  
Juvenile boys, 440 yards—4 heats, 3 to qualify.  
Senior ladies, 440 yards—3 semifinals, 2 to qualify.  
Senior men, 440 yards—4 quarterfinals, 3 to qualify.  
Juvenile girls, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Intermediate girls, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Junior boys, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Juvenile boys, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Junior girls, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Midget boys, 440 yards—4 heats, 3 to qualify.  
Midget girls, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Senior men, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Senior ladies, 440 yards—final.  
Intermediate boys, 440 yards—final.  
Junior boys, 440 yards—final.  
Juvenile girls, 440 yards—final.  
Juvenile boys, 440 yards—final.  
Midget boys, 440 yards—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Midget girls, 440 yards—final.  
Intermediate girls, 440 yards—final.  
Senior men, 440 yards—final.  
Junior girls, 440 yards—final.  
Intermediate boys, 1 mile—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Midget boys, 440 yards—final.  
Juvenile boys, 1-6 mile—4 heats, 3 to qualify.  
Senior men, 1 mile—6 heats, 4 to qualify.  
Junior boys, 3/4-mile—3 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Midget boys, 1-6 mile—4 heats, 3 to qualify.  
Senior ladies, 3/4-mile—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Intermediate boys, 1 mile—final.  
Juvenile boys, 1-6 mile—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Senior men, 1 mile—2 semifinals, 4 to qualify.  
Midget boys, 1-6 mile—2 semifinals, 3 to qualify.  
Junior boys, 3/4-mile—final.  
Senior ladies, 3/4-mile—final.  
Juvenile boys, 1-6 mile—final.  
Midget boys, 1-6 mile—final.  
Senior men, 1 mile—final.

## Nancy Ann To Race Elaine On Common This Afternoon

A renewal of rivalry between Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield's 1948 national and North American midget girls' skating champion, and Elaine Smith of Lake Placid, N.Y., was expected to swell attendance at the opening of the fourth annual Berkshire Hills championship meet on the Common this afternoon.

Miss Smith, the only girl who beat Nancy Ann last year, decided last night to jump from the midget to the juvenile class. Nancy Ann had to move up to the juvenile

class this year, because she had reached the age of 12. Elaine is only 11, but has concluded that since she isn't going to compete in the national meet at St. Paul, Minn., later this month, she would like to race against an older and faster field. Elaine is much bigger than Nancy Ann.

Both are expected to be finalists this afternoon in the 440-yard race, that will start some time in the vicinity of 3.15. Tomorrow, they will compete against each other in the 220-yard and one-sixth of a mile races.

## Tomorrow With

## 224 Entries

## City's Sports Arena Plans Hinge on Federal Assistance

### Mayor Says Cost of Acquiring Navy Surplus Building Prohibitive Unless Financial Aid Is Given

Mayor Capeless indicated this morning that the city's tentative plans for acquiring a huge government-surplus sports arena from the Navy Training Center at Sampson, N.Y., now appear to be financially prohibitive.

This disclosure followed yesterday's trip to Springfield, where the mayor and other city officials obtained information about a similar Navy-surplus building recently purchased and installed by Springfield College.

"On the basis of what we learned yesterday," the mayor said, "the only way I can now see the city going ahead with this project is if we can persuade the federal government to pay the cost of dismantling the building and transporting it here."

#### Project Not To Die

He added, however, that "we are not going to let the matter drop" and said that all possibilities for cutting the cost will be explored fully.

Prior to the Springfield trip, it had been estimated that the cost of bringing the building to Pittsfield and setting it up here would run to about \$100,000. Although the mayor did not disclose the specific figures provided by Springfield College officials yesterday, he indicated that the revised estimate would be more like \$500,000.

Those making the trip with the mayor yesterday were Superintendent of Schools Russell, City Council President Edward J. McDonald, Park Superintendent Jackson J. Perry, Chairman Monroe B.

England of the Park Commission, and John T. Carmody, director of physical education in the School Department.

Except for the cost factors, the Pittsfield delegation pronounced itself highly impressed by the Springfield College arena, which is substantially similar to the one which the city may acquire from Sampson. The group was shown through the building by Francis C. Oakley, vice-president of the college, and F. Dudley Chaffee, superintendent of college buildings and grounds.

Mayor Capeless said this morning that he has no information yet as to the possibilities of persuading the government to pay the dismantling and moving bills. In the case of Springfield College this procedure was followed, but the mayor said that the federal regulation authorizing it apparently applies only to surplus buildings purchased by educational institutions.

## Fishing Derby Tomorrow at Pontoosuc

### Chairman Will Be Interviewed Over WBRK Tonight

Berkshire County anglers will try their luck tomorrow from 7 to 4 at Pontoosuc Lake in the first annual ice-fishing derby as part of the winter carnival sponsored by the winter carnival committee and Parks and Recreation Department. Check points will be at the public and Lakeview beaches and the causeway. All contestants must check in and out of one of those points, Robert G. and Harry E. Stafford, chairmen, said.

Adults must pay 50 cents, but youngsters may compete free of charge. All must bring their own bait. About 20 prizes of fishing equipment will be awarded for the largest perch, bass and pickerel and the largest total weight in each of the three classes.

Robert G. Stafford will be interviewed about details of the derby over Dan Healey's 6.15 sports program on Station WBRK tonight, and again on the 7.30 Sportsmen's Column of the Air, by Sanford T. Shepardson and Joe Sammon.



# Complete List of Entries For Speedskating Meet Here

A near capacity list of 224 skaters have filed application with the Park Department for the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championships which will be run off tomorrow and Sunday. The list of contestants follows:

## Senior Women

Barbara Mooney, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Patricia Fitzpatrick, Pittsfield.  
Mary Lynch, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Dolores Cheda, Elmhurst, N.J.  
Dorothy Sosenko, Binghamton, N.Y.  
Marilyn Mainey, Boston.  
Priscilla Elbow, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Eleanor Kadish, Somerville.  
Ann L. Kennedy, Somerville.  
Elsa Jondalen, Winchester.  
Mary Dailey, Lexington.  
Carolyn Cunningham, Lexington.  
Peggy Fitzpatrick, Lexington.  
Jean Forsilliere, Worcester.

## Intermediate Girls

Aldrina Le Bell, Lake Placid, N.Y.  
Marjorie Dyer, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
Inez Van Cour, Bloomingdale, N.Y.  
Jane Broadhurst, Rosindale.  
Gwelyn DuBois, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Mary Dame, Revere.  
Eunice South, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Helen Mulbrenan, Woburn.  
Catherine Dalley, Lexington.

## Junior Girls

Margaret Gaird, Boston.  
Joan Shea, Boston.  
Geraldine Flett, Cambridge.  
Janice Gregory, Pittsfield.  
Patricia Farrell, Pittsfield.  
Doris Shantz, Pittsfield.  
Marion Tomlinson, Paterson, N.J.  
Marcella Trousse, Totowa Bore, N.J.  
Peggy Fox, Lynn.  
Marilyn McDonough, Arlington.  
Dorothy Santos, Cambridge.

## Juvenile Girls

Frances Bruso, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield.  
Angie DelSignore, Pittsfield.  
Marcia Gerlach, Pittsfield.  
Joan Russell, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Barbara Dermond, River Edge Manor, N.J.  
Joyce Van Putten, North Haledon, N.J.  
Mary Ellen McDermott, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Lucille Ott, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Mary Lou Stewart, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Estelle Duran, Woburn.  
Patricia Fina, Lake Colby, N.Y.  
Peg Kennedy, Pittsfield.

## Midget Girls

Elaine Smith, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Shirley Bruso, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
Bette Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield.  
Eleanor Wesley, Pittsfield.  
Carolyn Cassidy, Pittsfield.  
Penny Kirk, Pittsfield.  
Mary Ann Woodbury, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Leslie Potter, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Beverly Hall, Providence, R.I.  
Clare Johnson, Cambridge.  
Patricia Kennedy, Somerville.  
Susan Ford, Burlington.

## Senior Men

Linus Fobare, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Francis Walsh, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Joseph Norton Jr., Schenectady, N.Y.  
Albert Sydow, Schenectady, N.Y.  
William Charles, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Alex Goguen, Pittsfield.  
William Major, Cheshire.  
Harry LaBrake, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Charles Wentworth, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Edward Mitchell, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Leo LeBel Jr., Lake Placid, N.Y.  
James Gaudot, Waltham.  
Clarence Derusen, Worcester.  
Kenneth L. Carpenter, Worcester.  
Edward Harrity, Worcester.  
Edward Boulay, Worcester.  
Charles Delay, Yonkers, N.Y.  
Ralph Kalenian, Boston.  
Robert Jahn, Bogota, N.J.  
Herman VanPutten, Paterson, N.J.  
Adolph Springel, River Edge Manor, N.J.  
Joseph Blum, Nutley, N.J.  
Frank Briggs, Pompton Lakes, N.J.  
Ray Blum, Nutley, N.J.  
Melvin Anznow, Cambridge.  
Al Casale, Bloomfield, N.J.  
Harold Cosgrove, Oakland, N.J.  
Annibale DeNinno, Providence, R.I.  
John J. Burns, Cambridge.  
James Woods, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Alfred Mathews, Maspeth, Long Island.  
Carl Thompson, Mattapan.  
Joseph Janci, Norwalk, Conn.  
Michael Stetz, Norwalk, Conn.  
Earl Bloom, Norwalk, Conn.  
William Anderson, Norwalk, Conn.  
Herbert Dupont, Williamstown.  
Joseph Dauphinais, Fitchburg.  
Thomas Duff, Manchester, Conn.  
William Advend, Manchester, Conn.  
George Krause, Milford, Conn.  
Howard Ganong, Stamford, Conn.  
Anthony Callipare, Rochester, N.Y.  
Paul Callipare, Rochester, N.Y.  
James Wyand, Rochester, N.Y.  
Bill Freese, Rochester, N.Y.  
Benjamin Cizek, Binghamton, N.Y.  
Robert Rosskamp, Valley Stream, N.Y.  
Walter Malchow, Woodside, L.I.  
Frank Broadhurst, Rosindale.  
John Simmons, Stamford, Conn.  
Edwin Wyman, Dorchester.  
Dudley Brown, Brookline.  
Frank Becket, Hyde Park.  
Alfred Broadhurst, Rosindale.  
Harold Joyce, Saint Johns, New Brunswick.  
Donald McDermott, Englewood, N.J.  
Harold Collins, Cambridge.  
Fred Janci, Norwalk, Conn.  
George Primpass, Boston.  
Charles Hewitt, Boston.  
Edgar Dame, Revere.  
Frank Keane, Rosindale.  
Albert Demers, Cambridge.  
Edward Murnane, Flushing, L.I.  
Percy Murnane, Flushing, L.I.  
Joseph Murnane, Flushing, L.I.  
Howard Valonis, Woods Hole.  
Joseph Tosi, Suffield, Conn.  
Wallace Hanson, Springfield.  
Fred Schecht, Stamford, Conn.  
Ruddy Sander, Stamford, Conn.

## Intermediate Boys

Arthur Longsto, Pittsfield.  
Bartram Reeves, Pittsfield.  
John Bruso, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
Eugene Vidoli, Pittsfield.  
Richard Conway, Pittsfield.  
Robert Hall, Providence, R.I.  
John Jarosak, Flushing, L.I.  
Marty Lindenauer, Forest Hills, N.Y.  
Robert Swanbon, Boston.  
Peter Storm, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Fred Kretz, Newburgh, N.Y.  
James Johnson, Cambridge.  
Jack Scholl, Flushing, L.I.  
Walter Schwake, Westwood, N.J.  
Ronald Valoire, Spencer.  
Roland Valoire, Spencer.

## Junior Boys

Jack Dalley, New York City.  
Donald Baker, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Bernard Hall, Providence, R.I.  
Ronald O'Berle, Maspeth, N.J.  
James Harry, Worcester.  
Frank Rossi, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
John Wood, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
John Lyons, Brighton.

Eugene Reynolds, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
Malcolm Fobare, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Thomas Fina, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield.  
Joseph Satrape, Pittsfield.  
Robert Hogue, Pittsfield.  
Ned Hine, Pittsfield.  
James Williamson, Pittsfield.  
Earl Larsen Jr., Warehouse Point, Conn.  
Ronald Grinter, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Donald Dermond, River Edge Manor, N.J.  
Joseph Kelliber, Paterson, N.J.  
Philip Jobert, Manchester, Conn.  
William Seaman, Stamford, Conn.  
Raymond Knapik, Amsterdam, N.Y.  
Richard Syzdek, Amsterdam, N.Y.  
Clifford Powell, Cambridge.  
Donald Van Putten, North Haledon, N.J.  
Charles Nichole, Glendale, N.Y.  
Gregory Robillard, Glendale, N.Y.  
Richard Weigel, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.  
John Weathers, Boston.  
Colvin Hayes, Boston.

## Juvenile Boys

James LaFountain, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
William Baker, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
James Lynch, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
John Cantarella, Pittsfield.  
Jerry Parker, Pittsfield.  
James Cronin, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Richard Walton, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Charles Coventry, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Jay Hasbrouck, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Don Trousse, Totowa Bore, N.J.  
Leon Carrangi, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Ray Quinn, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Ralph Woodbury Jr., Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Martin Nickel, Glendale, N.Y.  
William Baumgartner, Pittsfield.  
Peter Sabato, Pittsfield.  
Richard Casey, Ardsley, N.Y.  
Charles Thurston, Boston.  
William Maguire, Boston.  
Richard Murphy, Boston.  
Harry Talarian, Everett.  
Eugene Tofanelli, Boston.  
Richard Ring, Boston.  
Robert McDermott, Glens Falls, N.Y.  
Rino Landi, Providence, R.I.

## Midget Boys (Red numbers)

Adolph Springel, River Edge Manor, N.J.  
Ronnie Larsen, Warehouse Point, Conn.  
Ray Larsen, Warehouse Point, Conn.  
George Wilson, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Gerald Collins, Boston.  
Ronald Herrick, Boston.  
Donald Bowers, Cambridge.  
Arthur Lindenauer, New York City.  
Thomas DuBois, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Donald Terpak, Pittsfield.  
David Viner, Pittsfield.  
Buddy Hogue, Pittsfield.  
Joseph Basiliere, Pittsfield.  
Richard Simard, North Adams.  
Robert Dunn, North Adams.  
James Hoyt, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Ronald Baker, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
M. La Fountain, Saranac Lake, N.Y.  
Kenneth LeBel, Lake Placid, N.Y.

# Summary of Skating Meet

The summary of the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating races held Saturday and Sunday on the Common:

## SATURDAY

### Senior Men

440-yard dash—Won by Ray Blum, Paterson S.C.; Linus Fobare, Lake Colby, S.C., 2d; Frank Briggs, Grand Street Boys, 3d. Time, 38.7 seconds.  
1 mile—Won by Raymond Blum, Pat-S.C.; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Annibale De Nino, Rhode Island S.C., 3d. Time, 3.27.

### Intermediate Boys

1 mile—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S.C.; Arthur Longsto, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Robert Swanbon, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 3:00.  
440-yard dash—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S.C.; Arthur Longsto, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Robert Swanbon, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 39.9.

### Junior Boys

440-yard dash—Won by Thomas Fina, Lake Colby S.C.; Frank Rossi, S.W.C., 2d; Don Van Putten, Grossinger S.C., 3d. Time, 40.1 seconds.  
3/4-mile—Won by Thomas Fina, Lake Colby, S.C.; Don Van Putten, Grossinger S.C., 2d; Eugene Reynolds, S.W.C., 3d. Time, 2:23.9.

### Juvenile Boys

440-yard dash—Won by Leon Carangi, Newburgh S.C.; Jay Hosbrook, Newburgh S.C.; Jay Hosbrook, Newburgh S.C., 2d; Eugene Toffanelli, Olympic S.C., 3d. Time, 45.2.  
1-6 mile—Won by Leon Carangi, Newburgh S.C.; James LaFountain, Lake Colby S.C., 2d; Eugene Toffanelli, Olympic S.C., 3d. Time, 45.2.

### Midget Boys

440-yard dash—Won by Kenneth Label, Lake Placid S.C.; Thomas DuBois, Newburgh, 2d; Robert Dunn, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 50.9 seconds.  
1-6-mile—Won by Thomas DuBois, Newburgh; Kenneth Label, Lake Placid, 2d; Ray Larsen, Navajo S.C., 3d. Time, :34.

### Senior Ladies

440-yard dash—Won by Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake; Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Mary A. Lynch, Elks S.C., 3d. Time, 44.8.  
3/4-mile—Won by Priscilla Elkon, Queens-bush; Mary Lynch, Elks S.C., 2d; Marilyn Mainey, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 2:36.5.

### Intermediate Girls

440-yard dash—Won by Gwendolyn Du Blois, Newburgh; Mary Dame, Revere, 2d; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 45.4 seconds.

### Junior Girls

440-yard dash—Won by Marion Tomlinson, Paterson S.C.; Marcella Trousse, Paterson S.C., 2d; Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, :47.

### Juvenile Girls

440-yard dash—Won by Joyce Van Putten, Grossinger S.C.; Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Angie Del Signore, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, :48.

### Midget Girls

440-yard dash—Won by Bette Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S.C.; Claire Johnson, Olympic S.C., 2d; Shirley Bruso, S.W.C., 3d. Time, 55.6 seconds.

## YESTERDAY

### Senior Men

220-yard dash—Won by Anthony Callipare, Rochester, S.C.; Francis Walsh, Saranac Lake S.C., 2d; Linus Fobare, Lake Colby, 3d. Time, 19.4 seconds.

880-yard dash—Won by Annibale DeNinno, Rhode Island S.C.; Edgar Dame, Holy Name S.C., 2d; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 1:33.9 seconds.  
Three mile—Won by Edgar Dame, Holy Name S.C.; Annibale DeNinno, Rhode Island, S.C., 2d; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 4:23.

### Intermediate Boys

220-yard dash—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S.C.; James Johnson, Bay State S.C., 2d; Robert Swanson, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 21 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S.C.; Arthur Longsto, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; James Johnson, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 1:39.8 seconds.

### Junior Boys

220-yard dash—Won by Thomas Fina, Lake Colby S.C.; Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Ray Knapik, Fort Johnson S.C., 3d. Time, 20.8 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Thomas Fina, Lake Colby S.C.; Eugene Reynolds, Saratoga S.W.C., 2d; Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 1:36 seconds.

### Juvenile Boys

220-yard dash—James Lynch, Saratoga Lake S.W.C.; Eugene Toffanelli, Olympic S.C., 2d; James LaFountain, Lake Colby, 3d. Time, 24.2 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Eugene Toffanelli, Olympic S.C.; James LaFountain, Lake Colby, 2d; Richard Ring, Olympic S.C., 3d. Time, 1:41 seconds.

### Midget Boys

220-yard dash—Won by Kenneth LeBel, Lake Placid S.C.; Ray Larsen, Navajo S.C., 2d; James Hoyt, Lake Colby S.C., 3d. Time, 25 seconds.

### Senior Women

220-yard dash—Won by Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield S.C.; Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake S.C., 2d; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 22.9 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake S.C.; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S.C., 2d; Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 1:36.5 seconds.

One mile—Won by Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake S.C.; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S.C., 2d; Marilyn Mainey, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 3:46.4 seconds.

### Intermediate Girls

220-yard dash—Won by Gwendolyn DuBois, Newburgh S.C.; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State S.C., 2d; Mary Dame, unattached, 3d. Time, 23.7 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Gwendolyn DuBois, Newburgh S.C.; Mary Dame, unattached, 2d; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State S.C., 3d. Time, 1:35.6 seconds.

### Junior Girls

220-yard dash—Won by Marilyn McDonough, Olympic S.C.; Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State S.C., 2d; Doris Shantz, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 25.4 seconds.  
880-yard dash—Won by Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State S.C.; Marilyn McDonough, Olympic S.C., 2d; Patricia Farrell, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 1:42 seconds.

### Juvenile Girls

220-yard dash—Won by Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S.C.; Elaine Smith, Saranac Lake S.C., 2d; Angie DelSignore, Pittsfield S.C., 3d. Time, 24.1 seconds.  
One-sixth of a mile—Won by Angie DelSignore, Pittsfield S.C.; Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Patricia Fina, Lake Colby S.C., 3d. Time, 33.3 seconds.

### Midget Girls

220-yard dash—Won by Claire Johnson, Olympic S.C.; Bette Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Shirley Bruso, Saratoga S.C., 3d. Time, 27 seconds.  
One-sixth of a mile—Won by Claire Johnson, Olympic S.C.; Bette Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S.C., 2d; Shirley Bruso, Saratoga, S.C., 3d. Time, 36.1 seconds.

## Shut-in Sale Friday At Newberry's

A sale of articles made by shut-ins will be held in the Newberry store on North Street, Friday from 10 AM until closing time. Sponsored by the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, proceeds will be turned over to the shut-ins who will be able to make more articles for later sale. Anyone interested in buying his home-made items sold should notify Mrs. Arthur J. Barre of 84 Cheshire Road, or Mrs. Liam W. Monks of 152 Cheshire Rd.



# Goodwin Paces Local Skiers to Two-Event

## PHS Ace Takes Slalom, Cross Country at Forest

**Bousquet, Kilfeather Also Star In Carnival Meet—Kingswood Is Runner-up Among 11 Schools**

By ANTHONY G. RUD

By knocking off first and second places in the cross country and slalom, the Pittsfield High ski team swept into the second half of the Berkshire interscholastic meet at the State Forest with a good chance for its seventh consecutive title.

### Goodwin Wins Twice

Verne Goodwin, the 17-year-old senior who has been individual star of the meet since 1947, showed his harnesses to 45 contestants in the cross country yesterday and then came back for two sizzling slalom runs to take that event too.

He was backed up strongly by Paul Bousquet, runner-up in the slalom and sixth in the cross country; James Kilfeather, second in the cross country; James Dunham, Paul Wagenknecht and Douglas Greene.

Nine schools had entries in the cross country and 11 in the slalom. Sponsored by the Mount Greylock Ski Club as part of the Pittsfield winter carnival, the tourney ends today with a downhill race and jumping contest.

Yesterday's team results made Kingswood School runner-up with Deerfield Academy, Berkshire School, Mont Pleasant High School, Nott Terrace High School, Hotchkiss School, Williamstown High School and Adams High School finishing in that order. Lenox School and Drury High School had no entries in the cross country. Drury was third and Lenox, 10th in the slalom.

Obviously in top physical shape, Coach Willard Bridgman's boys made it strictly no contest in the grueling 2½-mile cross country race. After Goodwin and Kilfeather came Wagenknecht, Dunham and Bousquet in fourth, fifth and sixth place. The outsider who slipped into third spot was Joseph De Carlo of Mont Pleasant School, Schenectady, who also placed fourth in the slalom.

The slalom race down the 600-foot, 19-gate Lulu Slope, was a good deal closer. Bousquet pressed Goodwin on both runs, and Kingswood School's well-balanced outfit took third, seventh, eighth, ninth and eleventh place to end up only 4.82 points behind in the team standings for that event.

### Bousquet Looks Good

Goodwin's time for the two slalom runs was 64.1 seconds, 3½ seconds faster than Bousquet's. He zipped down the first time in 33.3 seconds, apparently a sure winner. On the second run, Bousquet bettered this time with a beautiful display of form that brought applause from the spectators. But Goodwin's last try, an all-out affair in which he virtually took paint off each pole, clipped 2½ seconds off his previous mark and landed him the title.

There were no injuries in either event, although a number of slalom contestants took their gates too fast and hit the snow. One boy had the misfortune to lose a ski en route, but he gamely finished it out, alternately hopping and sliding.

The surface was well-nigh perfect for the slalom—a good base covered with several inches of new powder that rarely needed currying. The langlaufers found the snow sticky in the morning; it froze slightly and became noticeably faster by the time the second slalom was run off late in the afternoon.

### Race Officials

Chairman of the race committee was Syd Anderson. Other officials for the two-day meet: Winthrop P. Gutmann, chief of course for cross country, slalom and downhill and chief of hill for the jump; Mrs. Gutmann, registration and numbers; chief timer, William Nesbit; recorder, Mrs. W. J. Fosty; chief starters, Orville Wilkinson and Tony Tiezzi; official computer, George F. Maynard; official recorder, Mrs. Maynard; downhill official timer, Max Sauter; downhill check timer, Arthur Howe; jumping judges, Charles L. Parker and Larry Briggs; official distance recorder, Arthur Howe; downhill communications, Ben Goldy, Milt George.

Mrs. William J. Conover headed the ski patrol. Chairmen of the refreshment committee, which provided nourishment after each event, were Mrs. Eleanor Wilde and Mrs. Don M. West.

Prizes were awarded by Raymond I. Gowdy, president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club.

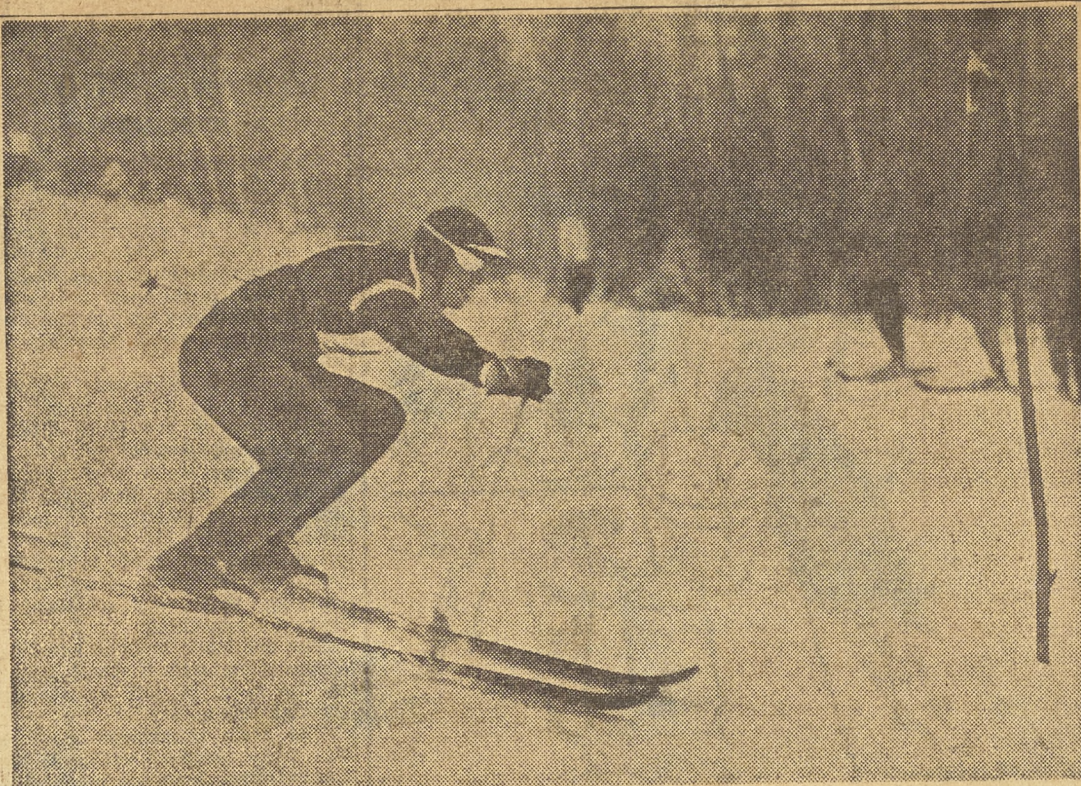
### COMPLETE RESULTS

Cross Country Summary		
1	Verne Goodwin, Pittsfield	17:03.4
2	James Kilfeather, Pittsfield	18:24.8
3	Joseph DeCarlo, Mont Pleasant	19:49.2
4	Paul Wagenknecht, Pittsfield	19:58.2
5	James Dunham, Pittsfield	19:59.6
6	Paul Bousquet, Pittsfield	20:25.6
7	Bruce Boehm, Deerfield	20:35.7
8	Richard F. Dyer, Nott Terrace, Schenectady	20:37.0
9	A. Egge, Hotchkiss	20:51.0
10	Tom Brucker, Kingswood	20:52.8
11	William Fisher, Kingswood	21:07.9
12	George Bass, Deerfield	21:09.5
13	F. Wallace, Berkshire	21:11.6
14	E. Davenport, Berkshire	21:32.3
15	P. Keppler, Berkshire	22:11.9
16	D. Alger, Berkshire	22:17.1
17	Bruce Montgomery, Kingswood	22:23.9
18	William White, Deerfield	22:24.9
19	Dillman, Berkshire	22:37.8
20	John Dodge, Deerfield	22:44.3
21	Albie Dixon, Kingswood	22:53.6
22	Donald Petro, Mont Pleasant	23:09.9
23	Flery, Hotchkiss	23:14.1
24	Robert Tucker, Kingswood	23:14.9
25	John Richards, Williamstown	23:25.4
26	Stuart Stearns, Nott Terrace	23:37.0
27	David Negus, Adams	23:51.4
28	McCormick, Hotchkiss	24:26.8

29	Donald Galonka, Adams	24:43.8
30	Andrew Bulsa, Adams	25:31.2
31	Lawrence Andersen, Mont Pleasant	25:42.6
32	Warren Sanders, Williamstown	25:45.8
33	Don Nacco, Mont Pleasant	25:53.9
34	Bruce Odza, Nott Terrace	25:59.6
35	Gray, Hotchkiss	26:54.8
36	Dodd, Hotchkiss	26:58.8
37	Frank Lamphier, Williamstown	27:36.2
38	Robin Brooks, Williamstown	27:44.8
39	Donald Trombly, Williamstown	27:44.8
40	Phil Palmado, Deerfield	28:15.6
41	Norbert Robak, Adams	28:21.9
42	Scott McVay, Nott Terrace	28:42.6
43	Roger Carpenter, Adams	29:08.0
44	William Fitzgerald, Mont Pleasant	32:36.9
45	John Locke, Nott Terrace	35:32.9

### SLALOM

(Combined time for both runs, in seconds)		
1	Verne Goodwin, Pittsfield	64.1
2	Paul Bousquet, Pittsfield	67.6
3	Albie Dixon, Kingswood	73.7
4	Joseph DeCarlo, Mont Pleasant	74.9
5	Francis Gamari, Drury	80.4
6	E. Davenport, Berkshire	80.6
7	James Dunham, Pittsfield	84.5
8	Tom Brucker, Kingswood	84.8
9	William Fisher, Kingswood	88.4
10	Robert Tucker, Kingswood	89.8
11	A. Egge, Hotchkiss	90.2
12	Bruce Montgomery, Kingswood	90.7
13	Stuart Stearns, Nott Terrace	92.2
14	James Shaw, Drury	92.8
15	John Richards, Williamstown	92.9
16	Fred Lancto, Williamstown	93.2
17	Donald Petro, Mont Pleasant	93.9
18	William White, Deerfield	93.9
19	Bass, Deerfield	96.3
20	Phil Palmado, Deerfield	96.5
21	Bruce Odza, Nott Terrace	96.9
22	Richard Dyer, Nott Terrace	97.0
23	Sandy McCormick, Hotchkiss	97.4
24	John Nacco, Mont Pleasant	97.6
25	Donald Galonka, Adams	98.1
26	Bruce Baumert, Drury	98.7
27	B. Brown, Lenox	101.1
28	Jack Dempsey, Drury	102.0
29	Doug Greiner, Pittsfield	102.4
30	D. Alger, Berkshire	104.3
31	Tom Dorsey, Hotchkiss	104.8
32	Roland Garofalo, Nott Terrace	107.0
33	David Negus, Adams	107.6
34	L. Wight, Berkshire	109.2
35	Stanley Kopala, Adams	111.8
36	Frank Lamphier, Williamstown	111.8



**TAKE IT HIGH:** Paul Bousquet of the Pittsfield High ski team cuts through a gate in the interscholastic slalom meet at the State Forest yesterday. Rejoining the squad after a year's lay-off, the local stylist placed second to Verne Goodwin in the slalom, and sixth in the cross country.

## Swim Meet Is Scheduled For Dalton

**Four Major Events Are Listed for Saturday, Feb. 19**

Four championship races are scheduled on a New England AAU swimming meet which will be held at the Dalton Community House pool Saturday evening, Feb. 19 at 7:30, under the sponsorship of the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Dalton Community Recreation Association. The event has been arranged as part of the association's silver jubilee celebration.

Two New England titles will be at stake in the women's division. They will be in the senior 100-yard breast stroke and in the junior 220-yard free style. Men will compete for Massachusetts honors in the 100-yard back stroke and the 220-yard free style.

Berkshire County championship races in the 40-yard free style also are planned for boys and girls under 15 years of age. Open competition is listed for men in the 100-yard breast stroke and for men in the 100-yard back stroke.

The Red Cross aquatic troupe, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Riehl, will give an exhibition of synchronized and formation swimming.

Entries will close Thursday, Feb. 17. They must be filed with Edmond J. Mongeon, chairman of the city-wide swimming committee, at the Parks and Recreation Department office, 52 School Street.

37	Scott McVay, Nott Terrace	112.0
38	E. Day, Lenox	114.4
39	R. Myers, Lenox	115.1
40	Jenkins, Hotchkiss	121.5
41	Francis Macik, Adams	122.6
42	Craig, Deerfield	123.5
43	William Fitzgerald, Mont Pleasant	129.2
44	J. Montgomery, Lenox	129.8
45	Lawrence Andersen, Mont Pleasant	133.7
46	Neil Kelly, Berkshire	139.1
47	Donald Trombly, Williamstown	144.9
48	Augie Pabst, Deerfield	147.5
49	T. Morris, Lenox	163.3
50	Roger Carpenter, Adams	175.4

Disqualified: Leonard Widen, Williamstown; Dodd, Hotchkiss; Nick Davis, Drury; P. Keppler, Berkshire; K. Wilde, Pittsfield.

## Park Department May Join New England Group

Pittsfield's Parks and Recreation Department probably will become a life-time member of the New England Park and Recreation Association, as the result of a dinner meeting Saturday night in the Hotel Sheraton, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, said today.

The subject will be brought up at the Park Commissioners' meeting next Monday night. The membership would cost \$25. The new policy of life memberships accompanied a decision to charge \$2 for individual memberships. The Look Park Recreational Department of Northampton, and the director and assistant, Foss Narum and Louis Newman, became the first organization and individual members.

Except for a short delay when the bus got stuck near State Forest, the 30 visiting New England park executives enjoyed their visit to Pittsfield. After arriving at noon Saturday, the group had lunch at the White Tree Inn and then was taken on a tour of Bousquet's ski center, the interscholastic ski meet at State Forest, and a demonstration of equipment used to recondition local skating rinks. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, conducted them on the tour.

Edmond J. Mongeon, safety service director of the Red Cross, was toastmaster for dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, and Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission, greeted the guests.

William Smedley, president of the New England association, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for its hospitality and complimented it on the well-planned week-end program. Melvin Lunstedt, park superintendent from Lynn, stressed the necessity of mechanical equipment in meeting maintenance problems, and pointed out the difficulty of staggered hours and week-end employment.

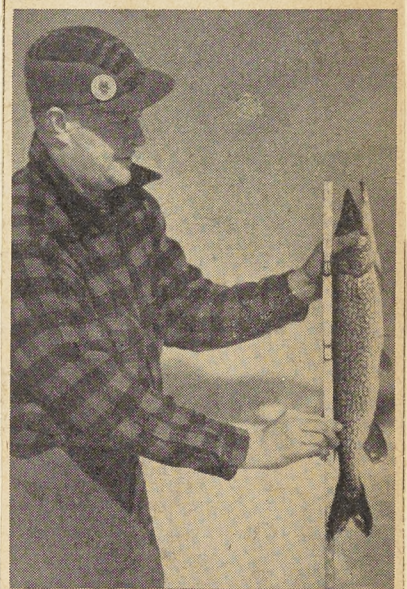




**400 SEE FIGURE SKATERS:** Drum Major Ruth Bondini pauses before her troupe during the 40-minute figure-skating program presented by the Clark Harding pupils at the Williams Street rink last night before a crowd of about 400 as one of the winter carnival events. Stars of the show included Nancy Sweatland who gracefully skated difficult jumps and spins; Charlene Vickery, dance steps and spirals; Astrid Hagenguth and the following chorus who gave a well-balanced number in Dutch costume, Anne Evans, Susan Cook and Janet Hodecker. Left to right are Peggy McCarthy, Betty Cristiano, Mary Lou Anderson, Debra Noble, Marilyn Case, Joan McCabe, Patricia McCarty, Carol Haskins, Sara Galt, **Betty Lou Brewer**, Jane McLaughlin and Katy McCarthy. Plouffe



**GOODWIN TOPS FIELD:** Verne Goodwin of Pittsfield High went 52 feet on this one to add the jumping title to his slalom and cross-country crowns in the interscholastics Saturday.



Frank Controy of the Pittsfield tool room with his 25-inch, 4-pound pickerel caught at Pontoosuc Lake on Derby Day. Frank's fish, incidentally, took first prize.

#### Derby Winners

Names of award winners in Sunday's Berkshire County ice-fishing derby not announced yesterday, were released today. They are Harvey H. Emack of 131 Union Street, second in the pickerel class for adults; Philip Janchuck of 46 Alcove Street, first and third in perch class for adults; and E. D. Bailey of 207 Linden Street, second and third in perch for children.



# Controy Gets Biggest Ice Derby Fish



Isabelle Kulish cooks a hamburger while participating in the ice fishing derby yesterday at Pontoosuc Lake with her father, George Kulish. This unique ice fishing rig was designed and built by Frank W. Controy of 20 Westminster Street, father of Frank W. Controy Jr., who won the derby.

## More Than 200 Compete in Pontoosuc Event

Frank W. Controy Jr. of 33 Kenwood Street took top honors in Pittsfield's first ice fishing derby when he hauled in a 25-inch, 4-pound pickerel from Pontoosuc Lake yesterday morning. More than 200 competed in the event which was sponsored by Robert G. Stafford, a Parks and Recreation Department volunteer, with the help of Conservation Officers Edward R. Knurrow and John E. Buckley and a group from the Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club.

Mrs. Mary Georgis, wife of Mario E. Georgis of Great Barrington, received a special prize for being the only woman to bag a heavy fish. She caught 21½-inch pickerel that weighed 2 pounds.

Gerard F. Daviau of 152 Wahconah Street caught the only black bass, 11½-inch, and was awarded all three prizes for that division.

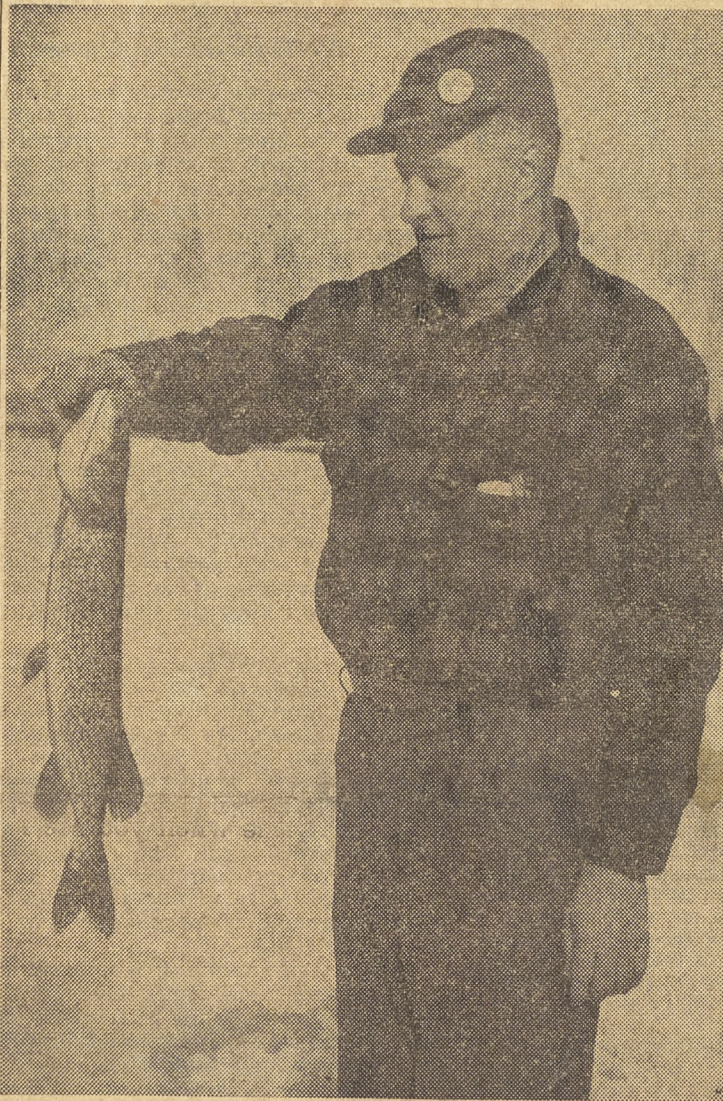
Philip Janchuk, 46 Alcove Street, caught the biggest perch, a pound and two ounces that measured 13 inches. Runner-up was Warren L. Crowley, 77 Stoddard Avenue, with a three-quarter pounder.

Top honors in the youth division, 8-15 years, went to 10-year-old Edward Szklasz of 56 Edison Avenue whose 21½-inch pickerel weighed 2¼ pounds. Donald Wendling of 20 Beacon Avenue placed second and third with a 1¼-pound pickerel. Richard Salvatore of 294 Linden Street took perch honors with a three-quarter pounder.

Prizes were merchandise donated by local sporting goods stores.

The temperature was a few degrees below zero and the ice 5-7 inches thick when the derby opened at 7 A.M. Closing time was 4 P.M. and many of the contestants, realizing that their fish weren't unusual, didn't bother to register them at the three checking stations.

Among the directors of the Sportsmen's Club who assisted were Sanford T. Shepardson, Merritt L. Chapman, Kenneth N. Eddy, Howard C. Rose, Edwin C. Steinman, Raymond Lamont and John M. Lacey.



Frank W. Controy Jr. of 33 Kenwood Street looks over his four-pound pickerel, largest fish caught in the first annual derby.





**CAROLYN CROWNS CATHERINE:** Miss Carolyn A. Budrow, last year's snow queen, crowns Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer (who will preside over the current carnival) at the ball last night in the Hotel Sheraton. Russell D. Bousquet, cochairman of the affair, is behind Miss Budrow. Others, from left to right, are: Pamela Douglas, crown-bearer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Douglas, winter carnival chairman; and Patricia and Michael Mole, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Mole of 58 Hollister Street, who were attendants for the queen.

## Miss Althizer Made Queen

### Largest Crowd Ever Attends Sheraton Event

Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer will preside over the fourth annual winter carnival after being crowned snow queen last night by Miss Carolyn Budrow, last year's queen, in the Hotel Sheraton before a crowd of about 450. Joseph Curry, assistant manager of the Sheraton, said the crowd was the largest ever to attend a dance at the hotel.

A new crown designed of plexiglass by L. V. Larsen and trimmed with multi-colored stones on white satin by Mrs. Willard D. Bridgham, was used for the first time in the colorful ceremony. Patricia and Michael Mole, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Mole of 58 Hollister Street, were attendants for the queen and Pamela Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Douglas, winter carnival chairman, was crown bearer.

Miss Althizer, who won the snow queen title by selling 3664 buttons in a total of 20,035 (the largest in the three-year queen history) was accompanied by a retinue of the eight other contestants. Gifts, including gift certificates totaling about \$350, were given by local merchants and distributed last night by chairman Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski.

Other officials for the contest and ball were: Mrs. Bridgham, secretary; John C. Seeley, treasurer; Dr. James W. O'Hearn, chairman of the ball; Miss Dorothy B. McGee and John A. Masimiano, publicity and William A. Plouffe, photographer.

## Dick Ireland Enters Jr. Ski Meet

### U.S. Champ To Compete On Greylock

U.S. junior ski champion Dick Ireland of Gould Academy Outing Club, Bethel, Me., heads the list of entries in the second national junior championships to be held on Mount Greylock Feb. 26 and 27.

The 17-year-old flash won the crown last March at Bogus Basin, Idaho, after placing first in the slalom and second in the downhill behind Muddy Numbers of Idaho and Darrell Robison of Utah, who were tied for first. His entry was the first received by George F. Maynard, co-chairman of the meet.

Others who have filed entries are Allen Ramsey and Ronald Myers of the Reno (Nev.) Ski Club. Ramsey was 15th in last year's junior meet, one place ahead of Paul Bousquet and 10 places behind Verne Goodwin of this city. He finished third in the American Legion junior championships last April; first in the slalom and second in the combined in the California Ski Association's Class B championships in the Sierra Nevada. He has won the slalom in all Interscholastic Ski Federation meets since 1947.

Myers tied for first with John (Boots) Blatt in the giant slalom races at Mount Rose, near Reno, last Jan. 9. He was first in the interscholastic giant slalom race at Mount Rose Jan. 15; and first in the giant slalom for the B division in the Eastern Sierra division of the Far West Ski Association, held at Mount Rose Jan. 23.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 16.



# Pittsfield High Skiers Sweep Interscholastics

## Goodwin Individual Star After Winning Three Events

**Kingswood School of Hartford Second, Deerfield Third, Hotchkiss Fourth In Two-Day Meet at State Forest**

By ANTHONY G. RUD

Verne Goodwin wrapped up his Berkshire interscholastic ski career by leading his Pittsfield High mates to a thumping four-event victory over 10 secondary schools in the week-end meet at the State Forest. The 17-year-old senior won the jump, slalom and cross-country and placed second in the downhill to help give Pittsfield a 38-point advantage over runner-up Kingswood School of Hartford, Conn.

### Pittsfield Extends Streak

The local skiers are thus Berkshire interscholastic champs for the seventh consecutive year. Goodwin is individual title-holder for the third year in a row.

Several hundred saw Goodwin make two near-perfect jumps of 52 feet each, Saturday afternoon. The only other of the 32 entries to break the 50-foot mark was Paul Wagenknecht of Pittsfield. He landed in second place after soaring 47 feet in his first leap and tying Goodwin's distance in his second.

Other Pittsfield point-winners in the jump were James Dunham, sixth; James Kilfeather, ninth; and Peter Lovejoy, 19th.

Tom Dorsey, Hotchkiss School captain and son of the orchestra leader, was third; Albert Dixon of Kingswood, fourth; Captain Ben Davenport of Berkshire School, fifth; Donald Tromblay of Williamstown, seventh; and Bruce Montgomery of Kingswood, 10th.

Coach Willard Bridgman's boys won each of the four events, collecting a total of 386.86 points out of a possible 400. Kingswood ended up with 348.96 points, by virtue of fine performances by Dixon and Tom Brucker.

Standings of other schools at the

end of the two-day competition: Third, Deerfield Academy, 325.6 points; fourth, Hotchkiss School, 311.2; fifth, Berkshire School, 299.39; sixth, Williamstown High School, 274.44; seventh, Drury High School, 237.06; eighth, Mont Pleasant School of Schenectady, N.Y., 227.32; ninth, Nott Terrace of Schenectady, 221.72; 10th, Adams High School, 207.39; and 11th, Lenox School, 61.29.

Lenox, Drury, Mont Pleasant, Nott Terrace and Adams lost out in the totals by not entering contestants in all four events. Lenox was represented only in the slalom. Drury did not compete in the cross-country. Mont Pleasant, Nott Terrace and Adams weren't entered in the jumping.

Charles L. Parker, who jumped the jump along with Larry Briggs, said after the meet that Goodwin showed "definite improvement" over his performance of last year. The all-around star has "corrected his spread," Mr. Parker explained, and now glues his skis together both in the air and when landing.

### Wagenknecht Gets Big Lift

The veteran jumping judge also thinks runner-up Wagenknecht had a tremendous lift off the lip of the trestle on his second run, but landed a little more stiffly than Goodwin. "If it had been icy Saturday he might not have held on," Mr. Parker said.

During the contest, Erickson, a former Olympic jumper, made several exhibition leaps, one of them for 55 feet. After it was all over Goodwin chuckled caution to the winds, and hit 55 feet too.

William Nesbit of the Mount Greylock Ski Club announced each jumper over a public address system, aided by bugle flourishes. By prior arrangement with the Kings-

wood team, the Hartford School's entries were identified by Scandinavian names, i.e., "Per" Dixon, "Olaf" Brucker.

Raymond I. Gowdy, president of the ski club, and Miss Catherine E. A. Althizer, carnival snow queen, presented an engraved plaque to Pittsfield High School and the Besse-Clarke trophy to Goodwin in a ceremony at the lodge after the jump. Medals also went to the first five finishers in each event.

In the opinion of many of the spectators and contestants, the sponsoring ski club should have received some kind of an award, too. The meet ran off without a hitch.

### Jumping results:

1	Verne Goodwin, Pittsfield	150.5
2	Paul Wagenknecht, Pittsfield	143.1
3	Tom Dorsey, Hotchkiss	132.5
4	Albi Dixon, Kingswood	130.2
5	Ben Davenport, Berkshire	130.0
6	James Dunham, Pittsfield	128.9
7	Donald Tromblay, Williamstown	124.7
8	Tom Brucker, Kingswood	123.9
9	James Kilfeather, Pittsfield	123.9
10	Bruce Montgomery, Kingswood	120.5
11	Robert Craig, Deerfield	119.9
12	Jeff Parsons, Deerfield	116.6
13	Don Gray, Hotchkiss	115.6
14	Bruce Baumert, Drury	112.6
15	Frank Lamphier, Williamstown	107.7
16	Wendell Smith, Kingswood	106.3
17	Jim Shaw, Drury	104.5
18	Bruce Boehm, Deerfield	103.3
19	Pete Lovejoy, Pittsfield	102.4
20	Fred Lanco, Williamstown	97.1
21	Burr Dodd, Hotchkiss	96.2
22	Dick Murray, Drury	94.7
23	Robert Tucker, Kingswood	93.2
24	George Bass, Deerfield	91.4
25	Jack Dempsey, Drury	90.4
26	Bob Consolini, Berkshire	85.4
27	D. Alger, Berkshire	85.2
28	Tate Brown, Hotchkiss	84.3
29	Sandy McCormick, Hotchkiss	83.8
30	P. Keppler, Berkshire	83.1
31	N. Kelly, Berkshire	81.5
32	John Dodge, Deerfield	80.1
	Herb Little, unattached	124.7

## AAU Tourney For Girls To Be Held Here

**New England Basketball Event, March 20-25**

The third annual New England women's invitation AAU basketball tournament will be held again in Pittsfield at the Girls' League next month, it was announced today by the general chairman, Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department. The Business Girls' Basketball League, conducted by the Park Department, is sponsoring the tourney which is sanctioned by the New England Amateur Athletic Union. Representatives from each New England state will be invited and the winning team will be permitted to compete in the National Women's Tourney at St. Joseph, Mo., March 20 through 25.

A meeting of the tournament committee will be held next Monday night at 7.15 in the Park Department office. The local tourney will be an eight-team single-elimination affair running for three nights.

## Square Dance Lessons To Be Free

Whether you're a high school student or a grandparent, you can learn to square dance free of charge beginning Tuesday, March 1, at the Women's Club. Instruction will be given that night at 7.30 and on alternate Tuesdays thereafter through the co-operation of Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Women's Club.

Robert Hall of the 4H Extension Service will teach the class, which will be composed of the first 30 men and 30 women of high school age or over who sign up. Registrations must be made at the Park Department office or at the Women's Club.

## King and Queen To Be Crowned Friday Night

Winthrop Benson and Frances Berry will reign as king and queen at the carnival of hearts party Friday night from 6.30 to 9.30 in Springside House. The regal pair competed against six other boys and girls for the honor. Richard Maynard, president of the Junior Country Club, will open the program and then crown the king and queen.

Rafaela Cultrera is general chairman assisted by Eunice O'Brien who will handle decorations. Among the games and special events will be a waltz contest with the king and queen presiding, Mrs. Cultrera said. Allyn O'Brien will be in charge of the newly-installed check room this week.

Plans for the following week's regular Friday night dance include a skating party if the weather is favorable, it was reported by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Arseneau's Radio Service provided the loud-speaker for announcers Dan Healy of Station WBRK and Robert Walton of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who were situated in a small maintenance shack between the hockey pen and track.

Medals were given to the winners on the track as the meet progressed, but the trophies were awarded after yesterday's races in special ceremonies in the Sheraton Hotel headquarters, Room 110.

Because of the late start, and the large number of heats necessitated by the small eight-lap course (Clapp Park is a six-lap affair but it wasn't ready on time) Saturday's events didn't end until 6.30 so the lights were used. But yesterday's competitions wound up before dark.

Only two casualties were reported: Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, was speechless with laryngitis the opening day, but managed to muster up a whisper for yesterday; and John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, had lacerations of the left cheek when he switched to a safety razor after breaking his electric razor while hurrying to squire the visiting New England park executives around Saturday afternoon.

Most of the contestants retired early Saturday night or took in local shows, but a large crowd found its way to the weekly square dance in the Armory where the skaters were admitted free.



# Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Team Takes

## Home Team Scores 405 Points For Highest Total to Date

**Nancy Ann Viner Tops Juveniles—  
Bob Hall of Providence S.C. Gets  
Berkshire Evening Eagle Award**

By RALPH R. RENZI

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club won the fourth annual Berkshire Hills Speedskating championships on the Common yesterday and Saturday with a total of 405 points out of a possible 1260. Nancy Ann Viner, last year's national and North American champ, skated one notch higher with the juvenile girls and took that class with two seconds and a first, while her skating companion, Angie DelSignore, set a Northern New York record of 33.3 seconds in winning the one-sixth of a mile to take second in the same class.

### Hall Lands The Eagle Award

The Berkshire Evening Eagle's trophy for the outstanding skater was given to Bob Hall of Providence, R.I., for sweeping the 220 and 880 Saturday and the 440 and one mile yesterday in the intermediate class. He scored 120 points, on the system of 30 for first, 20 for second and 10 for third.

Other Pittsfield winners were: Bette Jane Goerlach, second in midget girls; Arthur Longsjö, second in junior boys; Barbara Mooney, second in senior ladies; Victor Bonneau, tie for second in junior boys; and Alex Goguen, fourth in senior men.

Winners in their respective classes were: Senior men, Annibale DeNinno, Rhode Island SC; senior women, Charlotte Chase, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; intermediate boys, Robert Hall, Providence, R.I.; intermediate girls, Gwendolyn DuBois, Newburgh, N.Y.; junior boys, Thomas Fina, Lake Colby, N.Y.; junior girls, Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State SC; juvenile boys, Eugene Toffanelli, Olympic SC, Boston; juvenile girls, Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield; midget boys, Kenneth LaBel, Lake Placid, N.Y.; midget girls, Claire Johnson, Olympic SC.

### Newburgh Team Second

Tied for second place in team standings were Newburgh, N.Y., and Bay State Club of Boston with 230 points each. The Lake Colby, N.Y., and the Olympic Club of Boston were tied for fourth with 220 each, and Rhode Island was sixth with 185. Final standings would have been much different if the Paterson, N.J., and Newburgh clubs had skated both days. Both teams participated in the Middle Atlantic in Newburgh, N.Y., yesterday afternoon. Pittsfield's team total is the highest it has achieved in four years of competition.

The expected battle between Elaine Smith of the Saranac Lake SC and Pittsfield's Nancy Ann Viner failed to materialize. Elaine is the girl who handed Nancy Ann her only loss last year in the local meet. Elaine was eligible to race in the midget class but she decided early Saturday to compete in the juvenile group. While making a turn she took a spill and Joyce Van Putten of the Paterson SC edged out Nancy Ann in the finals of the 440 with Angie Del Signore, also of Pittsfield, third. Elaine came in behind Nancy Ann as the Pittsfield skater took the 220-yard dash yesterday afternoon in 24.1 seconds with Angie Del Signore in third. In the only other juvenile girl event, one-sixth of a mile, Angie was first, Nancy Ann second, and

Patricia Fina of the Lake Colby Club, third.

### Sidelights Of Meet

Both days' events were about one-half hour late in starting and the chilly breeze Saturday kept the number of spectators down to an estimated 1200. But the sun was out again yesterday and the breeze stopped so that about 2000 were on hand.

The ice held up perfectly on the main track, except for some minor cracks which were sealed by the maintenance men under the direction of William F. Fitzgerald by pouring on hot water which was heated in the storage shed at the rear of the Common.

But the ice in the hockey pen which was used as a warm-up area by the skaters didn't hold up so well. It went so fast that only a portion of it was usable yesterday. The pen was colorful with warm-up clothes ranging from GI great-coats to striped beach robes and lounging robes.

## Berkshire Hills Outdoor Title



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**PITTSFIELD'S JUVENILE STARS:** Angie DelSignore at left, and Nancy Ann Viner who compiled 120 points between them to take second and first place respectively in their class in the weekend's fourth annual Berkshire Hills speedskating championships at the Common. Nancy Ann got a first in the 220-yard dash by edging out Elaine Smith of Saranac Lake SC with Angie coming in third. And Angie took the one-sixth mile in record time with Nancy Ann second in front of Pat Fina of Lake Colby SC.



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**SPEEDSKATER CLASS WINNERS:** Champions of the fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championships held on the Common Saturday and Sunday pose for their picture after being awarded the trophies in the Sheraton Hotel following yesterday's events. Pittsfield's only champ is juvenile girl Nancy Ann Viner, second from left in first row. The others, kneeling left to right, are: Peggy Ann Fox, junior girl, Bay State SC; Claire Johnson, midget girl, Olympic SC; Kenneth LaBel, midget boy, Lake Placid SC; Eugene Toffanelli, juvenile boy, Lake Colby SC; standing, in the same order, are: Gwendolyn DuBois, intermediate girl, Newburgh SC; Charlotte Chase, senior women, Saranac Lake SC; Edgar Dame, three-mile race, Holy Name SC; Annibale DeNinno, senior men, Rhode Island SC; and Robert Hall, intermediate boy and outstanding skater of meet, Rhode Island SC.



# Pittsfield Scores Big Total in Winning Meet

Runs Up 405 Points to Score Far Ahead of Burlington and Newburgh Entries

By ED TOOLE

Pittsfield, Feb. 6.—The fourth annual Berkshire Hills speed-skating championship meet was concluded on the Common rink here this afternoon at a record-breaking crowd watched Pittsfield skaters cop the laurels of the two-day meet with a total of 405 points. That figure also represents the largest number of points scored in a meet by the local club since it was organized four years ago. The Bay State Club of Burlington, Vt., was tied with the Newburgh, N. Y. entry for second spot with a total of 230. However, only one of the Empire Staters raced today as the rest of the team had to participate in the Middle Atlantic meet.

Much to the delight of the spectators, Nancy Ann Viner of the home club was triumphant in the juvenile girls' class to win the trophy. The event was by and far the best attraction of the afternoon, a one-sixth mile race which saw a blazing finish between two local lasses, Nancy Ann and Angie Delsignore. Angie took first with a record-breaking time of 33.3 seconds with Ann placing second right behind her and still under the old time which was a second slower. In winning the 220 the Viner speedster registered 24.1 seconds.

Voted the outstanding competitor of the meet was Robert Hall of the Rhode Island Skating Club of Providence. He scored a first in each event he entered as an intermediate.

Of the 23 clubs entered from five states, the Bay State and Olympic Club of Boston were the big point-getters today but fell short of Pittsfield's mark as the locals had a 145 total at the close of the opening day. Both spectators and competitors were greatly disappointed over the fact that the popular Ray Blum of the Paterson, N. J. team was unable to take part. The former U. S. Olympic skater was out in front of the senior men's division last night with a total of 60 but was one of those who had to leave when the word was received that the Middle Atlantic races were going to be staged today.

At the close of the program the officials voted to send Art Longsto, Alex Goguen and Barbara Mooney of the Pittsfield Club to the Nationals at St. Paul, Minn. They will leave Monday night by automobile; Goguen will compete in the one, three and five mile events while Longsto is to be entered in the intermediate races. Miss Mooney, as a senior woman entry, will participate in the 220 and 440. Summaries:

## Senior Men's

220 yards—Won by Anthony Calipare, Rochester S. C.; Francis Walsh, Saranac Lake S. C., 2d; Linus Fobare, Lake Colby S. C., 3d. Time, 19.4 sec.  
Senior men's 880—Won by Annibale De Ninno, Rhode Island S. C.; Edgar Dame, Holy Name S. C., 2d; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S. C., 3d. Time, 1:39.9.  
Senior men's three-mile—Won by Edgar Dame, Holy Name S. C.; Annibale De Ninno, Rhode Island S. C., 2d; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S. C., 3d. Time, 9:23.

## Final Standings

Annibale De Ninno, R. I. S. C., 65; Ray Blum, Paterson S. C., 60; Edgar Dame, Holy Name S. C., 50; Alex Goguen, Pittsfield S. C., 35 (in finals). Ray Blum raced only one day.

Intermediate boys' 220—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S. C.; James Johnson, Bay State S. C., 2d; Robert Swanbon, Bay State S. C., 3d. Time, 21 sec.  
Intermediate boys' 880—Won by Robert Hall, Rhode Island S. C.; Arthur Longsto, Pittsfield S. C., 2d; James Johnson, Bay State S. C., 3d. Time, 1:39.5.

## Final Standings

Robert Hall, Rhode Island S. C., 120; Art Longsto, Pittsfield S. C., 60; James Johnson, Bay State S. C., 30; Robert Swanbon, Bay State S. C., 30.

Junior boys' 220—Won by Thomas Flina, Lake Colby S. C.; Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield S. C., 2d; Raymond Knapik, Ft. Jackson S. C., 3d. Time, 20.8 sec.

Junior boys' 880—Won by Thomas Flina, Lake Colby S. C.; Eugene Reynolds, S. W. C., 2d; Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield S. C., 3d. Time, 1:36.

## Final Standings

Thomas Flina, Lake Colby S. C., 120; Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield S. C., 30; Don Van Patten, Grossinger S. C., 30; Eugene Reynolds, S. W. C., 30.

Junior boys' 220—Won by James Lynch, S. W. C.; Eugene Tofanelli, Olympic S. C., 2d; James La Fountain, Lake Colby, 3d. Time, 24.2 sec.

Junior boys' 880—Won by Eugene Tofanelli, Olympic S. C.; James La Fountain, Lake Colby S. C., 2d; Richard Ring, Olympic S. C., 3d. Time, 1:41.

## Final Standings

Eugene Tofanelli, Olympic S. C., 70; Leon Carangi, Newburgh S. C., 60 (skated only one day); James La Fountain, Lake Colby S. C., 50.

Midget boys' 220—Won by Kenneth Le Bel, Lake Placid S. C.; Raymond Larson, Novajo S. C., 2d; James Hoyt, Lake Colby S. C., 3d. Time, 25 sec.

## Final Standings

Kenneth Le Bel, Lake Placid, 80; Thomas Dublois, Newburgh, 50 (raced only one day); Raymond Larson, Novajo, 30.

Senior ladies' 220—Won by Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield S. C.; Charlotte Chase, Saranac S. C., 2d; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S. C., 3d. Time, 22.9 sec.

Senior ladies' 880—Won by Charlotte Chase, Saranac S. C.; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S. C., 2d; Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield S. C., 3d. Time, 1:36.5.

Senior ladies' one mile—Won by Charlotte Chase, Saranac S. C.; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State S. C., 2d; Marilyn Mainey, Bay State S. C., 3d. Time, 3:46.4.

## Final Standings

Charlotte Chase, Saranac 110; Barbara Mooney, Pittsfield 60; Elsa Jondalen, Bay State 50.

Intermediate girls' 220: Won by Gwendelyn Dublois, Newburgh; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State, 2d; Mary Dame, unattached, 3d. Time, 23.7 sec.

Intermediate girls' 880: Won by Gwendelyn Dublois, Newburgh; Mary Dame, unattached, 2d; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State, 3d. Time, 1:35.6.

## Final Standings

Gwendelyn Dublois, Newburgh 90; Mary Dame, unattached, 50; Jane Broadhurst, Bay State, 40.

Junior girls' 220: Won by Marilyn McDonough, Olympic SC; Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State SC, 2d; Doris Shantz, Pittsfield SC, 3d. Time, 25.4 sec.

Junior girls' 880: Won by Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State SC; Marilyn McDonough, Olympic SC, 2d; Patricia Farrell, Pittsfield SC, 3d. Time, 1:42.

## Total Standings

Peggy Ann Fox, Bay State, 60; Marilyn McDonough, Olympic, 50; Marion Tomlinson, Paterson SC, 30 (raced only one day).

Juvenile girls' 220—Won by Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S. C.; Elaine Smith, Saranac S. C., 2d; Angie Del Signori, Pittsfield S. C., 3d. Time, 24.1 sec.

Juvenile girls' 1-5 mile—Won by Angie Del Signori, Pittsfield S. C.; Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S. C., 2d; Patricia Flina, Lake Colby S. C., 3d. Record time, 33.3 sec.

## Final Standings

Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield S. C., 70; Angie Del Signori, Pittsfield S. C., 50; Joyce Van Patten, Grossinger S. C., 30 (raced only one day).

Midget girls' 220—Won by Clare Johnson, Olympic S. C.; Betty Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S. C., 2d; Shirley Bruso, S. W. C., 3d. Time, 27 sec.

Midget girls' 1-6 mile—Won by Clare Johnson, Olympic S. C.; Betty Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S. C., 2d; Shirley Bruso, S. W. C., 3d. Time, 36.1 sec.

## Final Standings

Clare Johnson, Olympic S. C., 80; Betty Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield S. C., 70; Shirley Bruso, S. W. C., 30.

## Final Team Standings

Pittsfield S. C., 405; Newburgh S. C., 230; Bay State S. C., 230; Lake Colby S. C., 220; Olympic S. C., 220; Rhode Island S. C., 185.

## Local Skaters To Vie for City Titles

The fourth annual Pittsfield speedskating championships will be Saturday morning on the Common beginning at 11. The early start will be in an attempt to run off as much of the program as possible before the ice becomes softened by probable warm weather. Only skaters who have not won a medal in competition this year will be eligible to participate, according to William A. Knoblock, vice-chairman of the winter sports committee, and chairman of the meet.

At the same time, the Pittsfield Parks and Speedskating Club, which won the Berkshire Hills title last week end, will participate in a one-day meet at Lake Colby, N.Y. Team members who have not won a medal in competition will remain in Pittsfield for the local meet.

Entry blanks were distributed to local schools and at the skating areas today. Deadline for entries to be filed at the Park Department will be Friday. The same list of events run off for the Berkshire Hills meet will be offered Saturday.



REST MOMENTS—Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield's national champion, is chatting with Ray Blum of the Paterson (N. J.) Skating Club, in between heats at Pittsfield on Saturday. Ray was a member of the U. S. Olympic team and is high in his praise of Nancy's exceptional skill on the steel runners.



WATCHING PITTSFIELD WINTER CARNIVAL are Miss Rose Stomski, chairman of the carnival queen committee; "O-B-Joyful" Tyler, well known in Pittsfield, and Miss Kay Althizer, carnival queen.

## Figure Skaters To Perform Here Tomorrow

The Little Sun Valley Skating Club of Springfield will give an exhibition of figure skating on the Common tomorrow afternoon at 2. The group entertained at Clapp Park last winter and made a favorable impression. Some local figure skaters also will participate.

Alexander Garnish is chairman of the committee arranging this program. Originally it was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 30.





**SENIOR SKATERS ON COMMON:** Some of the seniors in the largest class to compete in the week-end fourth annual Berkshire Hills outdoor speedskating championships round a turn in the Common's eight-lap track. Seventy-three competed in the class, the largest for any meet so far this year. Ray Blum, of the Paterson, N.J., SC, led the field Saturday afternoon by taking two firsts for a total of 60 points. The former U.S. Olympic skater was unable to compete Sunday because he accompanied his club to the Middle Atlantics in Newburgh, N.Y., where he annexed the senior championship for the one-day affair. Final totals at the local meet gave him second place behind Annibale DeNinno of the Rhode Island SC, who tallied 65 points. Plouffe



**OFF TO NATIONALS:** Francis E. Douglas and William A. Knoblock, chairman and vice-president respectively of the winter sports committee, saw Pittsfield's Alex Goguen and Arthur Longsjö off at Union Station yesterday afternoon at 3.15. The skaters joined others in Albany, N.Y., and proceeded by car, expecting to arrive in St. Paul, Minn., late Wednesday or early Thursday for the two-day national speedskating races Saturday and Sunday. Goguen will compete in the senior long events, and Longsjö, an intermediate, will be in the shorter races. A meeting of the winter sports committee will be held this afternoon to discuss the possibility of helping defray the cost of the trip. Plouffe





**FISH DERBY WINNERS:** Philip Janchuk, 46 Alcove Street, displays the one pound, two ounce perch that won him first prize for that species of fish in the ice fishing derby at Pontoosuc Lake Sunday. Mrs. Mary Georgis, wife of Mario E. Georgis of Great Barrington, looks over the two-pound pickerel, the largest fish caught by a woman.



**BERKSHIRE INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPS:** Here's the eight-man Pittsfield High ski team that walloped 10 other secondary schools in four-event meet Friday and Saturday at State Forest: Left to right, Coach Willard Bridgham, Douglas Greene, Paul Bousquet, Paul Wagenknecht, Verne Goodwin, James Dunham, Peter Lovejoy, James Kilfeather, Kenneth Wilde, John Erickson, jumping coach.

### Visiting Skaters Cost \$134 for Not Performing

It cost the winter sports committee \$134 for the Little Sun Valley Figure-Skating Club's exhibition yesterday afternoon—even though the skaters didn't perform. The performers arrived from Springfield at about 1 P.M. The show was canceled shortly after because of water on the rink caused by intermittent showers.

Alex Garnish, chairman of the skating committee, decided that the performers should be paid and fed because the event was canceled at such a late hour in hopes that local citizens wouldn't be disappointed. The skaters received \$50 for traveling expenses, and a dinner for about 90 (including a dozen of the winter committee) was served at the Liberty Cabins at the foot of Lebanon Mountain. The exhibition, formerly scheduled for Jan. 30 has been canceled for this season.

### Golden Agers Meet Tomorrow

Members of the Golden Age Club will have their third meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 in the YMCA. Some of the Golden Agers plan to bring their musical instruments as part of an entertainment. Dr. Charles P. Crawley will preside over the business session. Games, including checkers, chess, cards and parcheesi will be played.

Anyone 65 years or older is welcome to join the club or attend the meetings which are held every other week. Transportation will be provided by the Park Department for those who have no cars, it was stated by Miss Elinor J. Duggin, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, in the Park Department, which is co-sponsoring the club with the Pittsfield College Club.

### Goguen, Longsjo In St. Paul for National Meet

Alex Goguen and Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield representatives at the national outdoor speedskating races are staying at the Hotel Ryan in St. Paul, Minn., along with Tom Fina and Linus Fobare of the Lake Colby, N.Y., team. Barbara Mooney of Schenectady, N.Y., who competes as a Pittsfield representative, was scheduled to arrive this morning. All will have time for a couple of workouts before competing tomorrow morning in the races. Goguen won the national five-mile championships in 1942 in his first appearance at the meet.

### Seven Chairmen Named for Hoop Tourney

Seven chairmen have been appointed as the result of a meeting last night in the Park Department to plan the third annual New England women's invitation AAU basketball tournament in the Girls' League March 11, 12 and 13. The announcement was made this morning by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department, and general chairman of the event.

Miss Vera M. Gentile will handle arrangements; Miss Mary Stavaski, tickets; Miss Dorothy B. McGee and Miss Duggan, reception; Miss Barbara A. Passmore, posters; the Misses Virginia Ditmar and Lois M. Brown, housing; the Misses Lillian Belair and Margaret P. Kirby, programs, and Miss Jane Renzi, banquet.

Representatives of each New England state will be invited, and the winning team will be authorized to compete in the national women's tourney at St. Joseph's, Mo., March 20, through 25.





**WINNER TAKES A SLIDE:** Robert Jahn of Bogota, N.J., slides to a stop after winning the one-mile final of the Middle Atlantic outdoor speedskating championship at Newburgh, N.Y., Sunday. Finishing second and still on his skates is Ray Blum of Paterson, N.J. Blum won the trophy for winning the most races of the day. He figured in two races in Pittsfield Saturday and won both.

## AAU Tourney To Be Held At Boys' Club

**New England  
Basketball Teams  
Compete Feb. 24-26**

The first New England men's AAU basketball tourney which is expected to bring representatives from Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24, 25 and 26, in the Pittsfield Boys' Club under the co-sponsorship of the Boys' Club and Parks and Recreation Department.

The AAU has already sanctioned the meet which will be run under AAU rules. The winner will automatically be eligible for the Eastern States tourney scheduled for the Armory March 4, 5 and 6.

It is hoped to get representative teams from eastern Massachusetts, another around Holyoke and Springfield, a third from Pittsfield, one from around Adams and another from Southern Berkshire.

Prices for the tourney will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Names of the local representatives will be announced within a few days. In charge of arrangements are Fred S. Fahey, assistant superintendent and director of athletics of the Boys' Club; and John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Parks and Recreation Department.

### Sports Facility

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Being a comparative newcomer to town (7 years) my impression is that Pittsfield has long outgrown its knee britches and now is ready to step into its first pair of long pants. Imagine having a "little Madison Square" all our own? No demoniacal rushes for basketball games, no mental anguish as to whether the weatherman will cooperate and give us ice for our winter sports carnival, and we might even have the "Ice Capades" or other types of professional entertainment that is now afforded by neighboring cities.

Surely the costs of moving and reassembling such a facility as is available under war surplus, whether it be \$100,000 or even twice that figure, could be amortized over a period of years. It would also afford an apparently badly needed source of revenue for the city.

WARREN D. FOWLER,  
Pittsfield.

### Housing for Skaters

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Pittsfield hospitality reached a new high during this past week end, when 93 homes gave free housing to skaters from all parts of the East. The response to our appeal for rooms was most gratifying and added much to the success of the Winter Carnival.

Many of the skaters expected to stay overnight here but were noti-

fied they had to move on to Newburgh, N.Y., when that club decided to hold its previously postponed meet on Sunday. This unexpected situation, and last-minute cancellations, left some homes unfilled. The members of the committee made every effort to notify these homes that their guests were not coming. However, if any were not called, we hope they will understand it was not intentional. The offer of these homes was just as important to us as the homes that sheltered guests.

In behalf of my committee, I wish to thank publicly Pittsfield hostesses for their hospitality, and the newspaper and radio stations for helping us in lining up accommodations.

Mrs. WILLIAM A. KNOBLOCK  
Pittsfield.

### Golden Age

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

Not once but twice have we offered proof at meetings of the Golden Age Club at the YMCA how ridiculous is the saying that "the good die young." If anyone over 65 doubts this let him or her come and see. It seems unlikely, but if the doings are not to anyone's liking all we want is a suggestion to better them. Everyone over 65 is welcome. The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at 3 PM.

Those of us a little under 65 who have helped to get the club started have been deeply touched and not a little grateful for the new friends that we have made. Mr. Victoreen gave us a poem which ended with the idea that we should count our years in friends, and on that basis I have aged rapidly.

There are no doubt many situations in Pittsfield that need improving, but this group is another reason why living in Pittsfield is an experience to be relished.

(Mrs.) ELIZABETH PLUMP,  
Pittsfield.

## Fast Field Assured for Dalton Meet

**Outstanding Racers  
File for AAU  
Tank Competition**

Young men who have attained national and New England recognition will vie for honors in the AAU championship swimming meet Saturday night at 7.30 in the Dalton Community House pool.

The first release of entries was made today by Ed Mongeon, Red Cross swimming official. He listed as two top-flight contestants in the Massachusetts championship 220-yard free style Mitch Jacque, University of Massachusetts freshman, who won New England interscholastic honors in the event last year, and Preston Doane, a Worcester Academy boy who recently set a new national prep school mark for the 220-yard free style.

Joe Rogers Jr., and Don Bell, both of Amherst High, recently won Western Massachusetts titles in their respective events, the 100-yard back stroke and the 100-yard breast stroke. Rogers will be shooting for the state championship in the 100-yard back stroke. The breast stroke race will be an open affair.

Another highly-rated entry in the 100-yard breast will be Robert Arwezon of Providence (R.I.) Central Boys' Club.

The Providence club also will be represented by a group of excellent women swimmers. Included will be Beverly Price in the New England AAU senior championship 100-yard breast stroke, Christine Fezzi in the New England AAU junior championship 220-yard free style, and Constance Mills and Carol Sousa, both in the 100-yard back stroke open.

Mrs. Charles Somerville is chairman of the Pittsfield housing committee. Miss Phyllis Riehl heads the Pittsfield ticket committee. Similar committees are functioning for Dalton, since the meet will be under the joint sponsorship of the Dalton Recreation Association and the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department.



## Perfect Ice For Meet at Lake Colby

### Pittsfield Team To Compete in Two-Day Event

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club will leave tomorrow morning at 7 from the Park Department office for the New York State outdoor speedskating races at Lake Colby. Mrs. Francis Viner will be in charge of the girls. One more vehicle is needed, preferably a station wagon, to transport the skaters who will return Sunday night.

It will be the fifth meet of the season, with the local team out for its fourth win. The club will be handicapped because three of its point-getters (Art Longsjo, Alex Goguen and Barbara Mooney) are at the Nationals in St. Paul, Minn. Perfect ice is reported for the fast eight-lap track.

Making the trip with the club are: Eugene Vidoli, Bartram Reeves, Victor Bonneau, Joseph Satrape, Robert Hogue, John Cantarella, Robert Dunn, Richard Simard, Donald Terpak, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Doris Shantz, Patricia Farrell, Janice Gregory, Nancy Ann Viner, Angie DelSignore, Bette Jane Goerlach, Eleanor Wesley and Norma Fitch.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, today thanked local citizens who have contributed vehicles to carry the skaters in an attempt to reduce expenses. So far cars have been loaned by the Red Cross for three trips, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mohill for two trips, Stephen Terpak for one trip, and Birchard Buick for two trips.

## Tyler Aces To Compete In Tourney

The Asci Tyler Aces, currently leading the senior league at the Boys' Club, will represent Pittsfield in the first annual New England men's AAU basketball tourney Feb. 24, 25 and 26, it was announced today by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Parks and Recreation Department. The event now scheduled for the Boys' Club, is expected to attract representatives from several states in New England. The winner will compete in the Eastern States tourney at the Armory, March 4, 5 and 6.

## Sunshine Meeting

A meeting of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Committee will be held tonight at 7.30 in the Park Department office to make plans for future activities. Last night Chairman Robert G. Stafford and Reginald LaBelle showed movies for the 12 patients in the West Pittsfield Sanatorium.

## Sign of Summer

Interviews for persons interested in appointments as members of the summer playground and swimming staffs soon will be conducted at the Parks and Recreation Department, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, announced today. He said application blanks may be obtained at the department's office at 52 School Street.

## Four Skaters Are Triple Winners



Ann Lee Goerlach and Joseph Basiliere who skated in the special midget class (under 10 years) and midget boys (under 12) respectively, at the fourth annual Pittsfield speedskating championships Saturday afternoon. Ann was first in the 220 and third in the 110, while Joseph copped the one-sixth of a mile and took third in the 110.

## Only 45 Enter City Title Meet On the Common

Because of the small number of entries (45) in the fourth annual Pittsfield speedskating championships on the Common Saturday afternoon, several performers swept their respective classes. Warm weather, which softened the ice considerably, attracted a crowd of about 600. The affair was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, with William A. Knoblock as general chairman.

Carolyn Cassidy took firsts in the midget girls' 220, 110 and one-sixth of a mile. Other triple winners were James Williamson, the junior boys' 220, 440 and 880; Richard Conway, the intermediate boys' 220, 440 and 880; and Marcia Goerlach, the juvenile girls' 220, 440 and one-sixth of a mile. The meet was limited to youngsters who hadn't won a medal in skating competition this year.

### Summary of Events

#### Midget Boys

220 yards—Won by Donald Terpak. Lawrence Daury 2d, Buddy Hoague 3d.  
1-6-mile—Won by Joseph Basiliere, Buddy Hoague 2d, Donald Terpak 3d.  
110 yards—Won by Donald Terpak, Buddy Hoague 2d, Joseph Basiliere 3d.

#### Midget Girls

220 yards—Won by Carolyn Cassidy. S. J. Kirk 2d, Janice Daury 3d.  
1-6-mile—Won by Carolyn Cassidy. S. J. Kirk 2d, Janice Daury 3d.  
110 yards—Won by Carolyn Cassidy. S. J. Kirk 2d, Janice Daury 3d.

#### Junior Boys

220 yards—Won by James Williamson. Robert Bladeau 2d, Jack Weatherwax 3d.  
440 yards—Won by James Williamson. Robert Bladeau 2d, Ned Hine 3d.  
880 yards—Won by James Williamson. Ned Hine 2d, Robert Bladeau 3d.

#### Junior Girls

220 yards—Won by Mary Ann Komuniecki. Peggy Kennedy 2d, Janice Gregory 3d.  
440 yards—Won by Mary Ann Komuniecki. Janice Gregory 2d, Peggy Kennedy 3d.  
880 yards—Won by Janice Gregory. Mary Ann Komuniecki 2d, Peggy Kennedy 3d.

#### Special Midgets

220 yards—Won by Edward Bushey. Robert Valenti 2d, Eric Plumpe 3d.  
110 yards—Won by Edward Bushey. David Viner 2d, Eric Plumpe 3d.  
220 yards—Won by Ann Lee Goerlach. Mary Lou Brombach 2d, Patricia Wells 3d.  
110 yards—Won by Mary Lou Brombach.

Joan Martino 2d, Ann Lee Goerlach 3d.

#### Intermediate Boys

220 yards—Won by Richard Conway. Herbert Plouffe 2d, Gerry Hould 3d.  
440 yards—Won by Richard Conway. Herbert Plouffe 2d, Gerry Hould 3d.  
880 yards—Won by Richard Conway. Herbert Plouffe 2d, Gerry Hould 3d.

#### Juvenile Boys

220 yards—Won by Larry Herzig. Richard Blodeau 2d, Peter Sabato 3d.  
440 yards—Won by Larry Herzig. Peter Sabato 2d, Richard Blodeau 3d.  
880 yards—Won by Peter Sabato. Larry Herzig 2d, Robert Shantz 3d.

#### Juvenile Girls

220 yards—Won by Marcia Goerlach. Elaine Cassella 2d, Lois Wendling 3d.  
440 yards—Won by Marcia Goerlach. Elaine Cassella 2d, Elinor Farrell 3d.  
1-6-mile—Won by Marcia Goerlach. Elaine Cassidy 2d, Elinor Farrell 3d.

## Local Coasters Out of Races At Saranac

Pittsfield's four coasting champs will not compete in the National Sled Derby tomorrow at Saranac Lake, N.Y., because of a week's postponement caused by a death and rain last week. The trials were scheduled for early morning, but the death of the Belgian bob sled driver delayed the competition. The youngsters won their trial heats in the afternoon but the rains came and the snow went so that races could not be held Sunday and the contests were postponed.

Observers found that the coasting run used in the meet was much more difficult than Clapp Park which the local sledgers used. That together with the uncertainty of the weather led to a decision not to return tomorrow. A run along the lines of the one at Saranac Lake will be constructed at a local park next year to insure local participants of a better opportunity of winning. Local contestants who made the trip were Shirley Mayo, Robert Viner, Curtis Douglas and Dorothy Morwick.

## Gerlachs Skate, Too

Contrary to public belief, the Goerlach family does not have a monopoly on skating. Yesterday, credit should have been given to Marcia Gerlach for her clean sweep of the juvenile girls' 220, 440 and one-sixth of a mile. Instead it was listed as Marcia Goerlach (no relation.) Marcia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Gerlach of 39 Michigan Avenue.

## Sunshine Program On Air Tomorrow

Mrs. Donald McDonald and Raymond A. Ducharme will be interviewed tomorrow afternoon at 4 by Dan Healy on Station WBRK's 'Pittsfield on Parade.' The will explain details about the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Committee's work.



# Art Longsjo Finishes Second in Nationals

## Pittsfield Boy Captures Two Long Races at St. Paul

Alex Goguen of This City Places Third in Senior Men's Two-Mile—  
Ray Blum Wins Men's Championship

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Seventeen-year-old Art Longsjo of Pittsfield, Mass., finished second in the intermediate boys' division of the national championship skating meet here this week end. He flashed to victory in the two longest races in his class, the one and two-mile events.

### Falls Hurt Longsjo

Alex Goguen of Pittsfield was third in the senior men's two-mile run. Another Pittsfield entry, Miss Barbara Mooney, failed to get any places in the senior women's competition.

Falls in the shorter races kept Longsjo from being a serious contender for the crown. He won the one-mile title Saturday, but fell and didn't place in the 220-yard and one-half mile races. He came back yesterday to lead the field in the two-mile. Longsjo had 60 points. The division winner, Ed Suttle of Minneapolis, Minn., amassed 150.

Longsjo's two victories were regarded as surprising, in that he was defeating Bob Hall, a Providence, R.I., boy who beat him in every event on the Berkshire Hills meet at Pittsfield a week before. Hall finished fifth in the class.

Ray Blum, who was a sensation in the Pittsfield meet, captured honors in the senior men's division. The Nutley, N.J., flash had to beat back the challenge of Ken Bartholomew of Minneapolis in the five-mile race to clinch the title. Blum finished with 150 points. Bartholomew had 130. Blum scored wins in the 440, the two-mile, the 880 and one-mile. Bartholomew took the three-quarter mile, had seconds in the two-mile, the 220 and 880 and was third in the 440.

Tom Fina of Lake Colby, N.Y., was tied for third in the junior boys' competition. He had 40 points. Fina won his divisional title at Pittsfield.

Divisional champions, other than Blum, and Suttle were as follows: Senior women, Lorraine Sabbe of Detroit, Mich.; intermediate girls, Pat Nicolett of Chicago, Ill.; junior boys, Jack Heistand of Chicago; junior girls, Karen Mattson of St. Paul.

## PITTSFIELD SKATER CAPTURES 1-MILE RACE IN NATIONALS

### Longsjo Picks Up 30 Points in Intermediate Boys Division

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12 (AP)—The battle for honors in the two top divisions provided the main interest in the opening of the National Speed Skating Championships today. Ray Blum of Nutley, N. J., and Kenny Bartholomew of Minneapolis tied for the undefended men's senior title. Lorraine Sabbe of Detroit, the only one of last year's champions making a defense of a crown, held a precarious margin in the women's senior division, but with threats of trouble ahead.

#### Shire City Skater Wins

Jumping into the spotlight in the Intermediate Boys Division was Arthur Longsjo of Pittsfield. The Shire City skater came home a winner in the one-mile event and was tied for second in the matter of total points in his division. His total is 30.

Blum and Bartholomew finished the first day's three events with 60 points each, comfortably ahead of Bob Fitzgerald of Minneapolis, a former titleholder, who had but 20 points on his second in the 440. Blum won the 440 and the two-mile but, like Fitzgerald, fell in the three-quarter mile race, to give Bartholomew a first good for 30 points. Fitzgerald failed to place in the two mile. Bartholomew added a third in the 440 and second in the two-mile for his 60 points.

Buddy Solem of Chicago also had 20 points on his second in the three-quarter mile.

Miss Sabbe won the senior women's three-quarter mile event and placed second in the 440, behind Florence Carter of Saginaw, Mich., to get 50 points. Mrs. Carter, former Michigan State champion who returned to competition after a two-year layoff, had 30 points on her victory in the 440. Bernice Melewska of West Allis, Wis., came in second in the quarter mile for 20 points, a total matched by Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N. Y., with third places in the two races.

Mrs. Carter was edged out in the three-quarter mile race by Miss Chase, who finished third, thereby losing a chance to narrow the gap between Mrs. Carter and Miss Sabbe.

Ed Suttle of Minneapolis was the biggest point-getter of any of the skaters, getting 80 in the intermediate boys division. Suttle came in first in the 220 and the 880 and second in the one-mile. Behind him, tied with 30 were Joe Prather of Chicago, Bob Hall of Providence, R. I., and Longsjo.

### Point Totals

**SENIOR MEN**  
Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis and Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J., tied with 60 points each. Buddy Solem, Chicago CYO and Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis, 20 each. Chuck Burke, Chicago CYO and Alex Gogden, Pittsfield, Mass., 10 each.

**SENIOR WOMEN**  
Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit, 50; Florence Carter, Saginaw, Mich., 30; Bernice Melewska, West Allis, Wis., and Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N. Y., 20 each.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS**  
Ed Suttle, Minneapolis, 80; Joe Prather, Champaign, Ill., Robert Hall, Providence, R. I., and Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield, Mass., 30 each; Bill Bohm Jr., St. Louis, 10.

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**  
Pat Nicolett, Chicago CYO, 30; Gwendolyn Dubois, Newberg, N. Y., 20; Mona Donnelly, Detroit, 10.

**JUNIOR BOYS**  
Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO, 60; John Setterberg, Minneapolis; James Fischer, Milwaukee, and Tom Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y., 20 each.

**JUNIOR GIRLS**  
Joan Starrett, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 30; Marion Tomlinson, Paterson, N. J., 20; Karen Mattson, St. Paul Midway, 10.

**JUVENILE BOYS**  
Richard Pelter, West Allis, Wis., 30; Gerald Pierce, Minneapolis, 20; Dennis Ewer, Minneapolis, 10.

**JUVENILE GIRLS**  
Jean Simon, Chicago Northwest, 30; Carol Kratz, West Allis, Wis., 20; Kathleen Merry, St. Paul Midway, 10.

**MIDGET BOYS**  
Andrew Korenak, West Allis, Wis., 30; Robert Zirkel, West Allis, Wis., 20; Bob Schmidt, St. Paul Midway, 10.

**MIDGET GIRLS**  
Carol Ames, Chicago CYO, 30; Lauretta Burks, Chicago CYO, 20; Mary Wallin, Minneapolis, 10.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS 220-YARDS**—(1)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis; (2)—Joe Prather, Champaign, Ill.; (3)—Bill Bohm, St. Louis. Time—19.8.

**SENIOR MEN'S 440-YARD**—(1)—Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J.; (2)—Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis; (3)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis. Time—36.1.

**JUNIOR BOYS 440-YARDS**—(1)—Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO; (2)—John Setterberg, Minneapolis; (3)—James Fischer, Milwaukee. Time—39.9.

**SENIOR WOMEN 440-YARDS**—(1)—Florence Carter, Saginaw, Mich.; (2)—Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit; (3)—Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N. Y. Time—43.7.

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS 440-YARDS**—(1)—Pat Nicolett, Chicago CYO; (2)—Gwendolyn Dubois, Newberg, N. Y.; (3)—Mona Donnelly, Detroit. Time—45.1.

**JUNIOR GIRLS 440-YARD**—(1)—Joan Starrett, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; (2)—Marion Tomlinson, Paterson, N. J.; (3)—Karen Mattson, St. Paul Midway. Time—44.8.

**SENIOR MEN'S 1/2 MILE**—(1)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis; (2)—Buddy Solem, Chicago CYO; (3)—Chuck Burke, Chicago CYO. Time—2:17.7.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS 880-YARDS**—(1)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis; (2)—Robert Hall, Providence, R. I.; (3)—Joe Prather, Champaign-Urbana. Time—1:38.5.

**SENIOR WOMEN 1/2 MILE**—(1)—Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit; (2)—Bernice Melewska, West Allis, Wis.; (3)—Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N. Y. Time—2:34.6.

**JUVENILE BOYS 440-YARDS**—(1)—Dick Pelter, West Allis, Wis.; (2)—Gerald Pierce, Minneapolis; (3)—Dennis Ewer, Minneapolis. Time—42.5.

**JUNIOR BOYS 1/2 MILE**—(1)—Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO; (2)—Tom Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y.; (3)—James Fischer, Milwaukee. Time—2:24.7.

**JUVENILE GIRLS 440-YARDS**—(1)—Jean Simon, Chicago Northwest; (2)—Carol Kratz, West Allis, Wis.; (3)—Kathleen Merry, St. Paul Midway. Time—47.6.

**MIDGET BOYS 220-YARDS**—(1)—Andrew Korenak, West Allis, Wis.; (2)—Robert Zirkel, West Allis, Wis.; (3)—Robert Schmidt, St. Paul Midway. Time—24.4.

**MIDGET GIRLS 220-YARDS**—(1)—Carol Ames, Chicago CYO; (2)—Lauretta Burke, Chicago CYO; (3)—Mary Wallin, Minneapolis. Time—26.4.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS 1-MILE**—(1)—Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield, Mass.; (2)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis; (3)—Robert Hall, Providence, R. I. Time—3:02.0.

**SENIOR MEN 2-MILE**—(1)—Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J.; (2)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis; (3)—Alex Gogden, Pittsfield, Mass. Time—8:17.7.

Ed Suttle of Minneapolis jumped into a commanding lead in the Intermediate boys' class as he captured the 220 and 880-yard events and finished second in the 1-mile. This gives him a total of 80 points and a 50-point lead over three men tied for second. After holding a lead most of the way in the mile race, Suttle was overtaken in the last 50 yards by Arthur Longsjo of Pittsfield, Mass. Langjo is tied with Joe Prather, of Champaign and Robert Hall of Providence, each having 30 points.

Jack Heistand of the Chicago CYO club captured the 440-yard and 3/4 mile events in the Junior boys' class for 60 points and a 40-point margin over three skaters tied for second. In the three-way tie are John Setterberg of Minneapolis, James Fischer, Milwaukee, and Tom Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y.

Despite the perfect weather conditions and the fast track, there were no records broken Saturday as there were on opening day last year. Suttle came the closest to tying or setting a record when he negotiated the Intermediate boys' 220-yard event in :19.8, which is one second off the national mark. Mrs. Carter's winning time in the Senior women's 440-yard event was 1:3 off the record.

Blum won the 440-yard and two-mile events in accumulating his 60 points, while Bartholomew had a third in the 440, won the 3/4 mile and finished second in the two-mile. Both Blum and Fitzgerald fell in the second heat of the 3/4 qualifying and failed to place.

The Intermediate and Junior girls' classes both had surprise leaders. In the former, Pat Nicolett of Chicago won the only event in that class, with Gwendolyn Dubois of Newberg, N. Y., second. Janet Koch of Minneapolis and Gerry Daley failed to qualify for the final, and Joan Holm of Chicago dropped out on the last lap when she developed a charley-horse.

Joan Starrett moved in front in the Junior girls' division when she put on a brilliant sprint in the last 30 yards to defeat Marion Tomlinson and Karen Mattson. Miss Mattson held the lead from the start until the final turn, when she was overtaken.

The races in the juvenile and midget classes went as expected. Dick Pelter of West Allis, Wis., and Jean Simon of Chicago hold first in the Juvenile boys' and girls' and Andrew Korenak of West Allis and Carol Ames of Chicago in the Midget boys' and girls'.

## Dance Jamborees To Be Continued For Five Weeks

Five more Saturday night square dance jamborees at the State Armory are planned by the Department of Parks and Recreation, beginning tomorrow night. "Pop" Smith and his old timers will furnish music. The department hopes to have outdoor dances during the summer, and resume indoor activities in September.

Robert Hall, extension agent, will give square dance instructions Tuesday evenings, March 1 and 8, at the Women's Club. The sessions will continue every two weeks for four to six sessions. Registration is open to 30 men and women, either at the Women's Club or the Park Department. Blanks also will be available at the dance Saturday night.



# Pittsfield Takes New York Skating Title

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## Team's Figure Is Largest Scored in Event's History

**Doris Shantz Wins Junior Title—  
Bette Jane Goerlach Ties for  
Midget Girls and Then Takes Trophy**

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — A total of 520 points, its largest ever, was rolled up by the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club here over the week end as it took the New York State title besides two individual championships. Doris Shantz won the junior girl title, and Bette Jane Goerlach tied for the midget girl title with Shirley Bruso of Saratoga Winter Club. They had 50 points each. In the skate-off for the class title, Bette Jane won the trophy, but it didn't affect their standing in the class.

### Pittsfield Takes Lead Early

Pittsfield ran wild Saturday to roll up 270 points, way ahead of the second-place Saratoga combine by more than 100 points. That took place on the outdoor eight-lap track. When the events were moved indoors yesterday to the Olympic arena's 16-lap track, because the outdoor ice was under two inches of water, Pittsfield racked up 250 more points for its 520. Saratoga W.C. was second with 250; Paterson, N.J., was third with 210; and Lake Placid, N.Y., was fourth with 150. Pittsfield won the team trophy, the first one offered in their competitions this year.

One of the biggest thrills of Saturday's events was the junior girls' 220 between Angie DelSignore and Nancy Ann Viner. The two first-place judges called it a dead heat, but the second-place arbiters decided Nancy Ann was second, so the event went to Angie.

In the junior girls' 440 Doris Shantz took first with Patricia Farrell close behind for second. Norma Fitch, skating in her first competition, took third in the intermediate girls' 440. Patricia Fitzgerald took the senior women's 220 and came in second in the mile, while Bette Jane Goerlach racked up second in the midget girls' 440 and Eleanor Wesley came in third. The only other events Pittsfield scored in the opening day was in the intermediate boys' 440 and 880 where Eugene Vidoli and Bart Reeves placed second and third respectively in both events, and Bob Dunn took second in the midget boys' 220.

### Yesterday's Competition

Reeves and Vidoli continued their duel yesterday, with Reeves winning the one mile just in front of Vidoli, and placing second in the 220 with Vidoli following up for third. Patricia Fitzgerald took two seconds and thirds in the senior ladies' 440 and 880, while Norma Fitch got a third in the intermediate 220.

Because of the novel experience of indoor skating, Nancy Ann fell in her heat of the 440, and Angie stumbled in the final of the 440, so both lost their chance for the title. The decision to switch to indoor competition was made at noon, and because of the delay in laying out the track, the skaters had no chance to familiarize themselves with the 16-lap track.

Victor Bonneau took third in the three-quarters of a mile while Bobb Dunn had second in the midget boys' 440.

Doris Shantz won the junior girls' 880 with Patricia Farrell second, and Bette Jane Goerlach took the midget girls' 440 with Eleanor Wesley third.

Besides Doris and Bette Jane, other divisional champs were: Intermediate boys, John Bruso, Saratoga; junior boys, Frank Rossi, Saratoga; juvenile boys, James Lynch, Saratoga; midget boys, Kenneth LeBel, Lake Placid; intermediate girls, Aldrina LeBel, Lake Placid; and juvenile girls, Elaine Ann Smith, Saranac Lake.

## With Total of

## 520 Points

## Local Skiers To Compete In Nevada

**Verne Goodwin,  
Paul Wagenknecht  
Leave Sunday**

Verne Goodwin and Paul Wagenknecht of Pittsfield, and Frank Cook of the Norfolk (Conn.) Winter Club appear to be the only Eastern representatives in the national junior ski championships Feb. 26 and 27 in Nevada. Many entries from this part of the country withdrew when the meet was shifted West because of uncertain snow conditions.

Last night the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee voted unanimously to give Goodwin, the county's leading racer, \$300 for the trip. The three young skiers will leave Pittsfield Sunday evening at 6.30.

The committee also voted to send the prizes to the sponsoring Reno Ski Club, which will reimburse the Mount Greylock Ski Club.

George F. Maynard of the local ski club, one of the chairmen of the meet until it was transferred, said today that Miss Carolyn Talbot and Miss Ann Crosby had decided not to make the trip. Both had signed up for the meet when it was slated to be held on the Thunderbolt Trail.

Mr. Maynard disclosed that Dick Ireland of Gould Academy, Bethel, Me., national junior champion, had also withdrawn.

If the meet had been held here, there would have been 45 contestants, all but 12 of them from the East. Now most of the entries will be from the Far West.

## Midget Flash



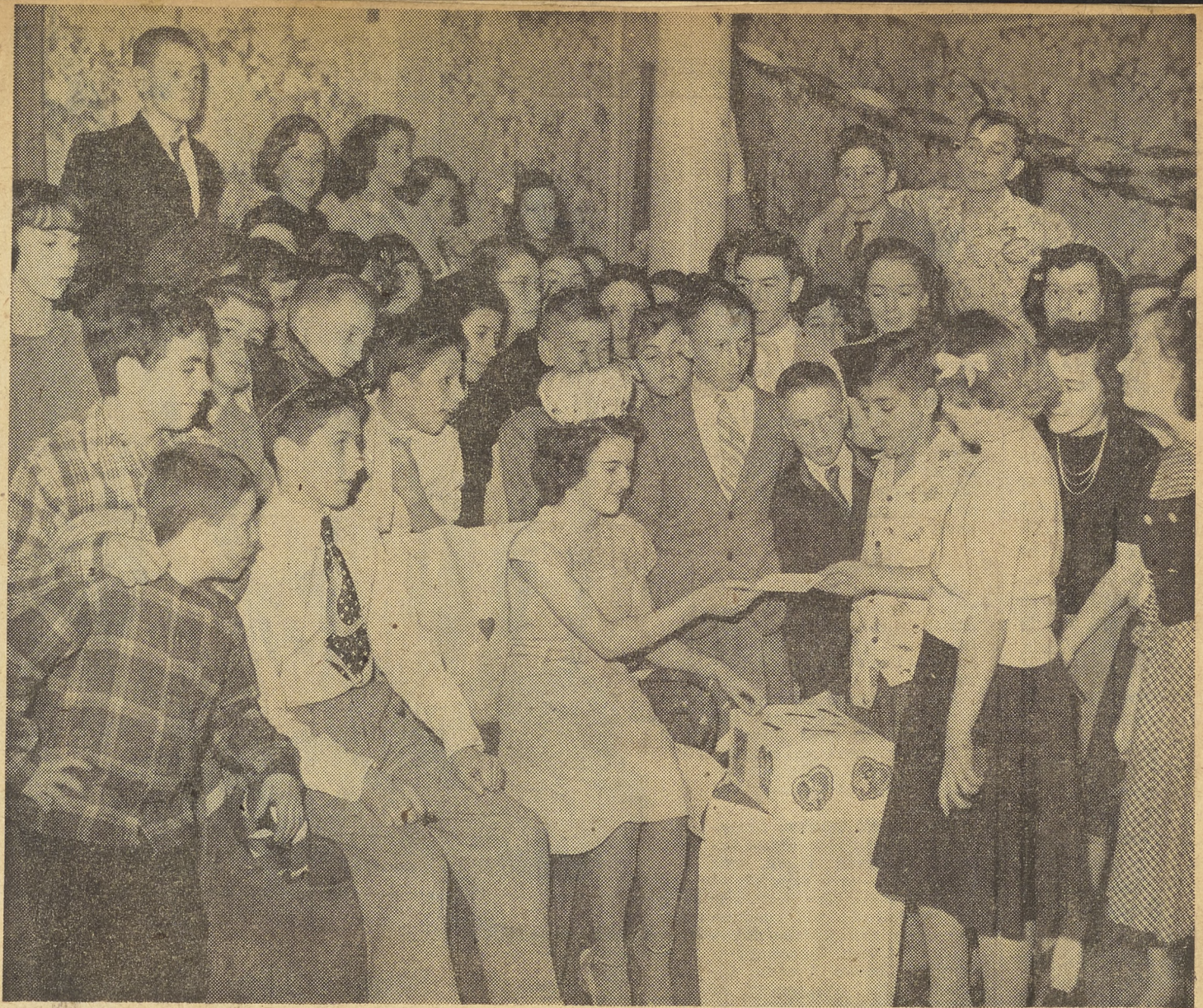
Betty Jane Goerlach, daughter of Pittsfield City Councilwoman Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, who will represent the Shire City in the midget events of the Lake Colby Winter Carnival this afternoon. A year ago Betty Jane won the Silver Skates at Boston Garden.

## Burdick Asks City To Aid Golden Agers

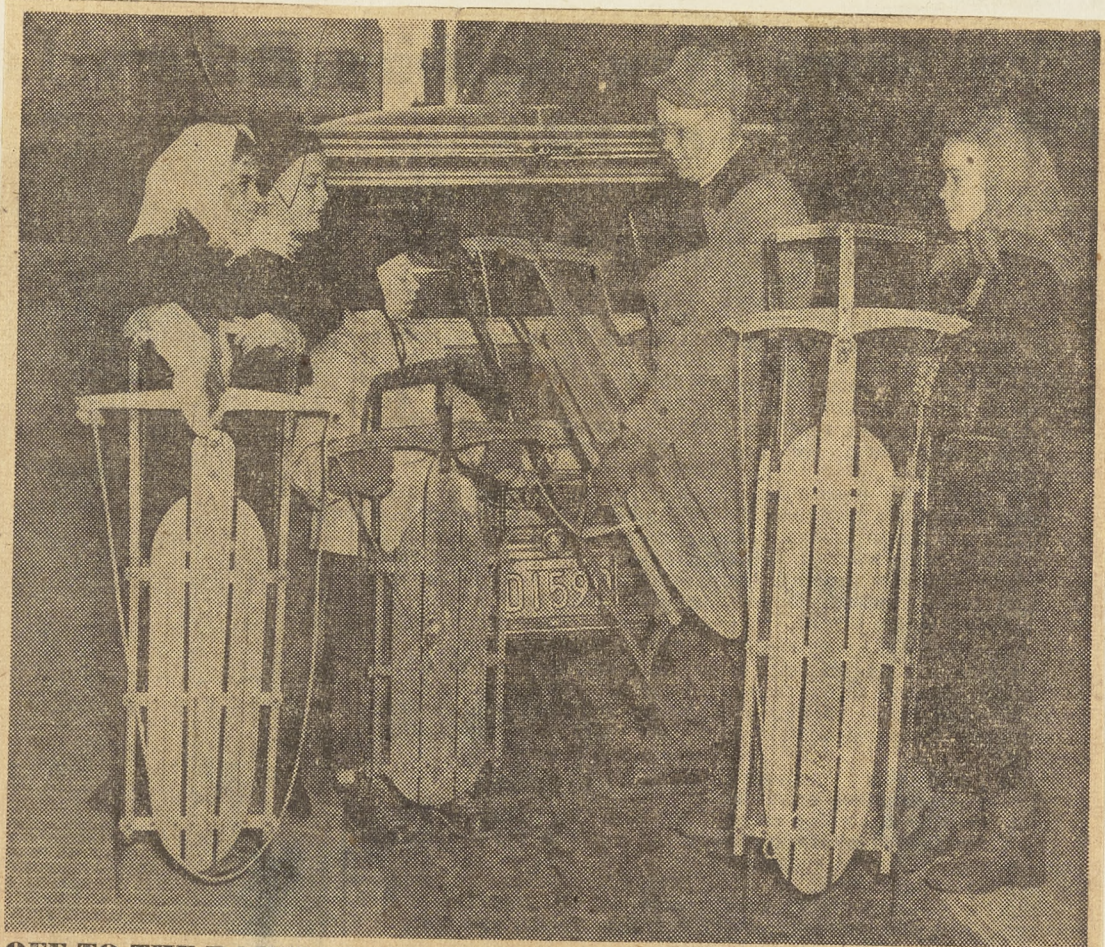
Arthur E. Burdick of 33 Perrine Avenue, former mayoral candidate and frequent petitioner to the City Council, today asked the Council to "provide some money this year to help support the Golden Age Club, an organization that is needed in this city."

His petition, filed with City Clerk John J. Fitzgerald this morning, stated that the club provides "good clean entertainment for Pittsfield's old people." It added that "the least the taxpayers can do is to offer some place of recreation for these citizens."





**CARNIVAL OF HEARTS WINNERS AWARD VALENTINES:** Sandra Dorman receives one of the 200 valentines handed out by Winthrop Benson and Frances Berry, crowned king and queen of last night's carnival of hearts by Mrs. Ralph Ruscetta at the Springside House. Richard Maynard addressed the 120 club members at the opening of the ceremonies. Plouffe



**OFF TO THE RACES:** Pittsfield's four representatives in the first national sled derby at Saranac Lake, N.Y., today and tomorrow load their sleds into the Parks and Recreation Department's station wagon with the help of Francis E. Douglas. In the usual order are: Shirley Mayo, Robert Viner, Curtis Douglas, Mr. Douglas, and Dorothy Morwick. They left for Saranac Lake yesterday afternoon at 4.





## MEET THE CHAMPION

Nancy Ann Viner of Pittsfield, at 11 years of age has won both National and North American Midget Speed Skating Championships and in doing so set new records in both events. Previously she has won the Silver Skates at Boston. In three years of competition up to her grand slam "Nan" won no less than 10 titles without being defeated. Moving up to the Juvenile Class this season she not only won her first meet at Saranac Lake but in doing so established a new All-Time New York State Record. Shown here are some candid shots of the Shire City Miss as she takes her glory in normal stride.

Photos by Ed Toole

### IN PERSON

Nancy's biggest wish is to become a great figure skater. She is shown with her medals and trophies won in the past three years. She was undefeated in the 220 and 440 for three years up to the time she was crowned champion.



### BEFORE EACH MEET

Prior to and directly after every meet Nancy visits the nearest church to recite her Rosary before the shrine of Our Lady of Victory. The little champion explains that she prays that she may win or should she lose that she do so gracefully.

### JUST RELAXIN' — RIGHT —

A normal 12-year-old girl, Nan's next biggest enjoyment to speed skating is playing with her dolls. She is shown with her collection, among which are the two Indian creations she is holding.







## PROUD BROTHERS

— LEFT —

While Nancy is out winning the National and North American titles, her brothers David and Eddie keep abreast of the latest sports writers stories about their famous sister by keeping a scrapbook.

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# National Junior Ski Championships Shifted Decision Made by Committee Because of Poor Snow Here

Meet To Be Held Outside Reno  
Feb. 26 and 27—Move Affects  
Plans of Four Local Entries

By ANTHONY G. RUD

The second national junior ski championships, originally slated to be held on Mount Greylock Feb. 26 and 27, have been shifted to Nevada because of poor snow conditions here.

The Mount Greylock Ski Club's race committee asked the Reno (Nev.) Ski Club to sponsor the meet when the recent thaws and rains washed out the Thunderbolt Trail. Because many of the 40-odd contestants come from the Far West, they must be notified more than a week in advance.

### Goodwin May Make Trip

The committee is now telephoning each of the Eastern entries, and will make arrangements for forwarding entry blanks and fees, birth certificates and prizes to the Reno Ski Club.

The move will affect four local skiers: Verne Goodwin and James Dunham of Pittsfield High School, and the Misses Carolyn Talbot and Ann Crosby of Miss Hall's School. It is considered probable that Goodwin, at least, will make the trip West. He participated in the first national junior meet at Boise, Idaho, last year.

The race committee, consisting of George F. Maynard, A. Sydney Anderson, Winthrop P. Gutmann, Willard Bridgman and Ernest M. Smith, made the decision after conferring with Raymond I. Gowdy, president of the Mount Greylock Ski Club, and Charles L. Parker, superintendent of the Greylock Reservation.

Mr. Parker informed the group that the Thunderbolt is no longer skiable and that even a foot of new snow now wouldn't help matters much. He explained that the warm rains have spoiled the base by melting the frost in the ground.

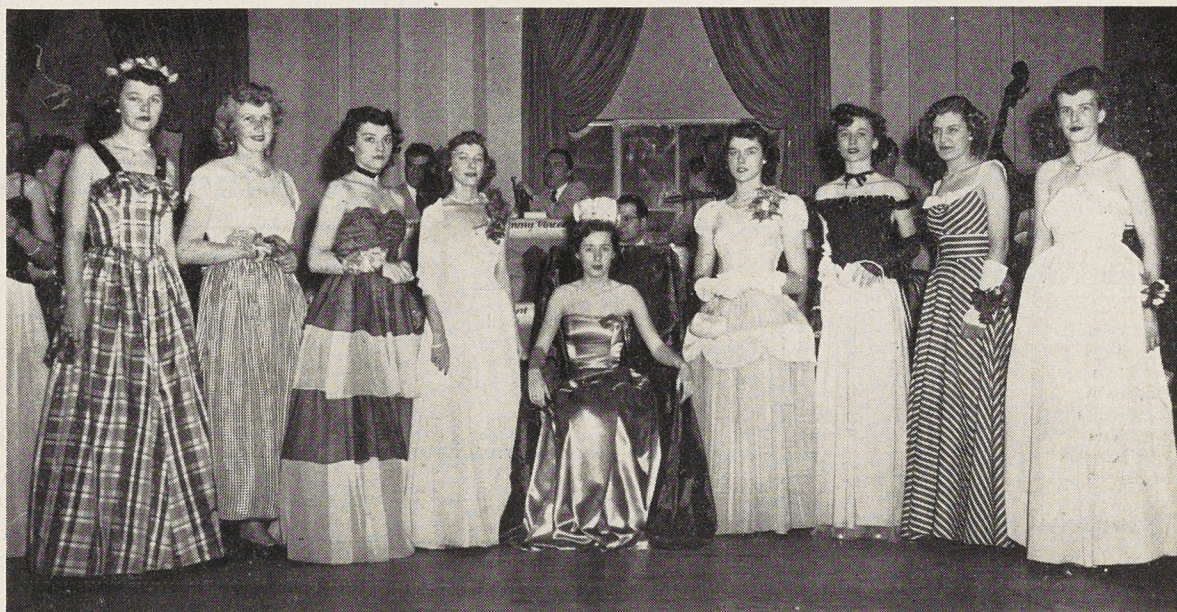
Milt Zimmerman, president of the Reno Ski Club, told Mr. Maynard yesterday that the meet would be held on the same dates but that finding a suitable hill for the slalom race was proving a problem: there is so much snow in Nevada that courses must be picked with an eye to the danger of snowslides or avalanches.

Transfer of the meet means that the Berkshires have lost the first national championship of any sort to be held here, as well as the chance to see the top junior skiers in action. Heading the list of entries were Dick Ireland of Gould Academy, national junior champion, and Darrell Robison of Salt Lake City who tied for first in the junior downhill last winter.

## From Greylock

## to Nevada

## GENERAL ELECTRIC GIRLS IN SNOW QUEEN'S COURT



The girls are Connie Bierdzeki, Anne Beckmann, Phyllis Mlynarczyk of the Plastics Division, Jane Wowk of East Plant, Catherine Althizer, who reigned as queen, Dianne Shuster, Carole Gerlach of Tabulating Section, Dorothy Ellis of Power Transformer Tank Division and Dorothy Fairman. These nine girls sold buttons in the competition for snow queen title.





**EVERYBODY SINGS:** A section of the community singing which took place at the Golden Age Club's third meeting yesterday afternoon at the YMCA. Cosponsored by the College Club and the Parks and Recreation Department, Pittsfield's residents of 65 years and older meet weekly at the Y.

### Golden Age Club

## Glitter of New Organization Dulled By Problems of Housing and Finances

Pittsfield's old folks get a kick out of meeting each other socially in their Golden Age Club, but a cloud hangs over its meetings.

Twin specters of housing and finances indicate that the club for people 65 years and older may not expand so rapidly as might be expected.

Interest is running high now with attendance almost doubled since the first meeting a month ago. About 50 showed up then and 90 were on hand at yesterday's third session, showing a steady increase during the three meetings to date at the YMCA.

#### Stairs Are Drawback

"I know several people who would like to join the club," one oldster exclaimed, "but they don't feel up to climbing the three flights of stairs to the meeting room."

Mrs. Hayward G. Carsley, chairman of the College Club committee which is co-sponsoring the old-people's organization with the Parks and Recreation Department, said: "We are grateful to the

YMCA for the use of the room, but it is quite a climb for people 80 or 90 years old."

Similar sentiments were expressed yesterday by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Parks and Recreation Department. "What we would like to have is a room, somewhere near the middle of the city, where the folks may drop in at any time of day for a game of cards, knitting, or just social talk."

She went on to reiterate a point, expressed earlier by Stephen J. Burns, vice-president, that "The Golden Age Club has only \$15 in the treasury and that is curtailing our attempts at providing entertainment." The money was donated by the Hibbard and Christian Center children who received the money for presenting a benefit performance of boxing and singing recently. Furthermore, they are willing to put on similar shows with the receipts earmarked for the old folks.

Contrary to some reports, the Golden Agers indulge in nothing stronger than milk and tea. At a

recent meeting one of the members (widely-known as a teetotaler) jokingly gave a drinking toast to the other members. An indignant oldster called the Park Department to say she would no longer participate in the club's activities if drinking were permitted. Although the drink may have looked like an Alexander, officials state it was unadulterated cow's milk.

It doesn't cost Pittsfield's aged residents a cent to attend the meetings. The decision not to charge anything was made because many of the folks are on pensions and there is precious little for entertainment. But the College Club has already spent its allotment, and no other source is available for financing the venture. How well the club works out from here in depends on the almighty dollar.

#### Music Lacks Teeth

Plans to have musical entertainment yesterday by a quartette of the oldsters fell through. One musician forgot his cornet and another experienced trouble with his



**UNDER THIS BANNER:** Orin A. Clark of 692 North Street presents a gold-lettered white banner he made, to Dr. Charles P. Crowley, president of the club, on left.

teeth and was unable to play. But group singing went over big, with Mrs. Sarah Eddy playing the piano.

Members usually exhibit some of their hobbies at the sessions. Mrs. Hilda G. Duval showed her embroidery and crocheting and animals her son hand-carved. And Arthur W. Pierce displayed his chess set from China.

Orin A. Clark of 692 North Street presented a two-foot-square banner he made for the club. It consists of silk and nylon with a golden braid border, and lettered in gold bronze "Golden Age Club." Dr. Charles P. Crowley, president, accepted the gift for the club.

Walfrid T. Victoreen told the story of the TB seals from their inception in Denmark to their growth in the United States. He later volunteered to have posters made publicizing the Golden Age Club. The posters will be displayed in the Berkshire Athenaeum and the Morningside branch of the library, unofficial meeting spots for Pittsfield's old folks.

Twenty-one new members were reported at the meeting, boosting total membership to about 145. A further increase is expected when the club officials begin contacting about 1000 General Electric pensioners whose names have been given to the club organizers.

On the motion of Thomas F. Dumont, formal meetings, complete with refreshments, will be held the first and third Tuesday afternoons of each month, and informal meetings will take place on the alternate Tuesdays. Milk for yesterday's refreshments was donated by Newton's Dairy, and the tea was furnished by a tea company representative.

### North Adams Team Replaces Lynn in Tourney

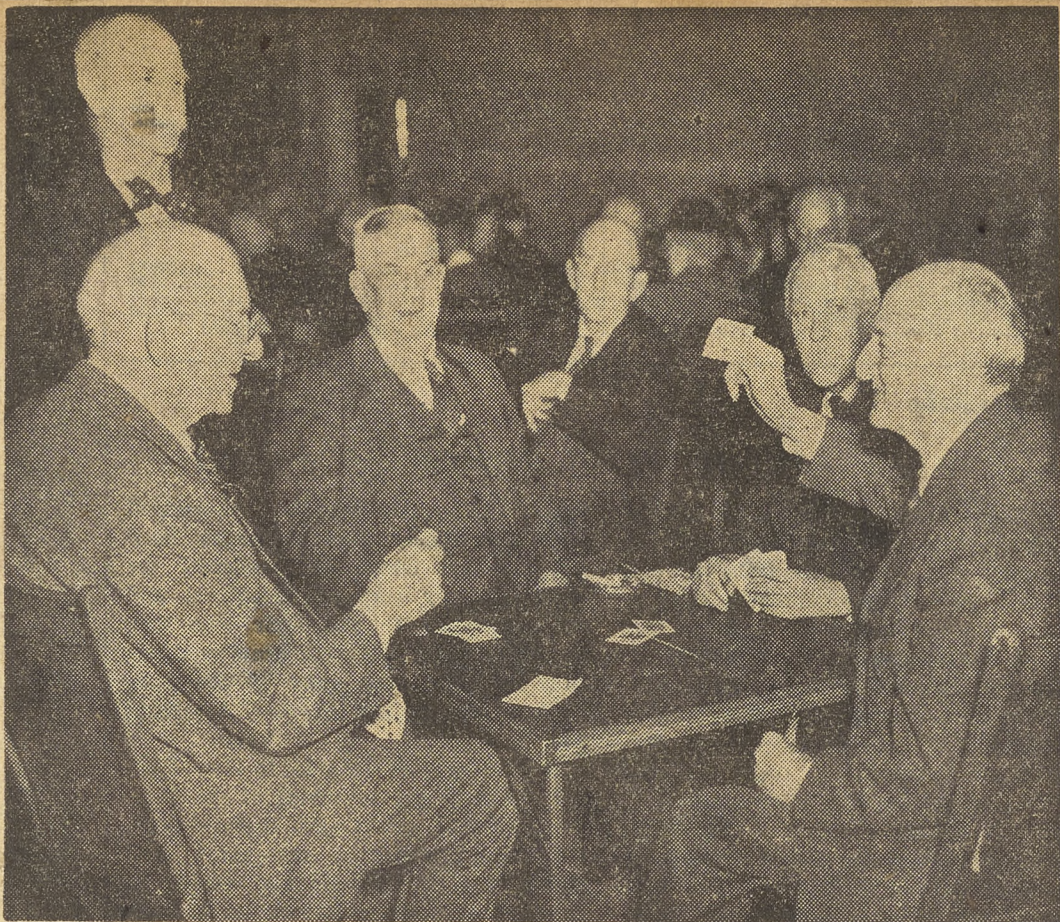
Company K of North Adams will replace the Lynn Eagles in the first annual New England AAU basketball which will open at the Boys' Club gymnasium tonight at 6. The North Adams club will oppose Ascis' Tyler Aces of Pittsfield in the opener at 6.

In the other contests St. Anthony's Crusaders of North Adams plays the Florence AA at 7; Pawtucket, R.I. Hoboes meet Rochester, N.H. at 8 and St. Stanislaus of Adams battles Brattleboro, Vt., Cardinals in the nightcap at 9.

The semifinals will be played tomorrow night with the finals scheduled for Saturday.

The tourney is being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department at the Boys' Club.





**THAT TRUMPS YOU!** Thomas F. Dumont scores a quick play during a game of whist while his opponent, Frank Heiser, at left, looks somewhat dismayed. Mr. Dumont's partner, Herbert E. Lester, enjoys the incident while William B. Jacob at right seems stunned by the quick turn of events. Kibitzing from the left is William S. Farrar, and in the same role seated at deep right is Joseph N. Dumas.

## During Derby Day



George Kulis of the Pittsfield tool room models Frank Con-troy's ice fishing "gimmick", which combines folding wind-break, charcoal burner for hand warming and hamburg broil-ing, in big box which features storage space for fishing gear, lunch, etc., and a folding lid which becomes a table, all mounted on ski runners for easy hauling over snow. Two men can sit, one at either end, and warm their hands or cook their lunch. Frank's father, Frank, Sr., built it for him after frequent re-citals of "I wish I had this" or "I wish I had that". Frank says "It's the answer to an ice fisherman's prayer." Frank's fishing gear was used with successful results last Sunday on Pittsfield's Derby Day.



# Blum Takes Skate Crown

By BOB SCHABERT

Winning five of the seven events, Ray Blum of Nutley, N. J., a member of the 1948 United States Olympic team, captured the Senior Men's title as the National Outdoor speed skating championships ended a two-day run at Lake Como Sunday afternoon before 3,900 fans.

Blum edged out another Olympic team member, Ken Bartholomew of Minneapolis. The two were tied at the end of the first day's races. Blum succeeded George Fischer of Champaign-Urbana as senior men's champion. It was his first national title. Bartholomew was the senior men's champion in 1939, 1941, 1942 and 1947.

While Blum was showing his heels to one of the best senior men's fields in recent years, Lorraine Sabbe of Detroit retained the senior women's title which she won here last year. She was the only defending champion back for this year's meet. Miss Sabbe won two events, the  $\frac{3}{4}$  and one-mile races, and finished second in three others to accumulate 120 points.

Florence Wrona Carter of Saginaw, Mich., finished second with 70 points.

For the first time in the past five years, Minneapolis skaters failed to monopolize the majority of the championships. In other years Mill City skaters have won at least five individual championships in national competition. This year they captured one and shared in another.

Ed Suttle of Minneapolis tied Blum in having the most points, 150, as he outdistanced the intermediate boys' field. He won four events, and had one second and a third. Pat Moore, also of Minneapolis, tied for the title in the intermediate girls' class with Pat Nicolett of the Chicago CYO club.

St. Paul skaters accounted for two titles also. They won one outright and shared another.

Karen Mattson of the Midway skating club won her third National title in four years when she captured the Junior girls crown. She had 40 points on a first and third. Four other skaters, including Lois Hinshaw of the Midway club, tied for second place with 30 points. Lois won the 880-yard event for her 30 points. Karen failing to pick up any points as she went down on the first turn in

one of the biggest pileup of skaters during the meet. Karen won the National Midget girls' title in 1946, finished second in the Juvenile girls class in 1947 and won the Juvenile crown last year.

The other St. Paul skater to win an individual title was Cleone Winkels of the Shop Pond skating club. She tied with Carol Ames of Chicago CYO for the Midget girls crown. Cleone won the 440-yard race Sunday. Carol won the 220-yard event Saturday.

Jack Heistand of the Chicago CYO club had a walkaway in the junior boys' class, winning four races and finishing third in a fifth for 130 points.

Helping the Chicago entries snap the Mill City dominance were skaters from West Allis. Chicago skaters won or shared in three of the ten individual titles, as did the Wisconsin skaters.

While Blum won the senior men's title, Bartholomew was the only skater to approach a national mark. He tied the 220-yard national time of 18.1 in winning the second heat. Bob Fitzgerald of Minneapolis set the record in St. Paul in 1947.

Besides the national mark that Bartholomew tied, two new Minnesota records were established Sunday. One was in the Senior women's class and the other in the Intermediate boys division. Mrs. Carter snapped the 15-year-old state record in winning the Senior women's 220-yard event in 20.9. The old mark of 21.0 was made by Dot Franey of St. Paul in 1934 in a meet in Minneapolis.

Arthur Longsjo of Pittsfield, Mass., who finished second to Suttle in the Intermediate boys class, set a new state record for that class in the mile event.

The Minnesota Skating Association captured the team title with 840 points.

Minneapolis skaters accounted for 630 of the points and St. Paul 210. Illinois was second with 440. The team point totals: Minnesota S. A.—840; Illinois S. A.—440; Wisconsin S. A.—310; Michigan S. A.—250; Middle Atlantic S. A.—240; Northern New York S. A.—130; Northeastern S. A.—30; Iowa S. A.—20; Missouri S. A.—10; Ohio S. A.—10.

## Skating Summaries

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS, 440 YARDS**—(1)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis; (2)—Joe Prather, Champaign; (3)—Pat Buckley, Waukesha, Wis. Time—38.8.

**SENIOR MEN, 220 YARDS**—(1)—Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis; (2)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis; (3)—Don Hamer, Minneapolis. Time—18.2.

**JUNIOR BOYS, 220 YARDS**—(1)—Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO; (2)—Tom Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y.; (3)—Ron Hoelscher, St. Paul Shop Pond. Time—19.4.

**SENIOR WOMEN, 220 YARDS**—(1)—Florence Wrona Carter, Saginaw, Mich.; (2)—Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit; (3)—Bernice Melewski, West Allis, Wis. Time—20.9.

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS, 220 YARDS**—(1)—Gerry Dailey, St. Paul Midway; (2)—Pat Moore, Minneapolis; (3)—Barbara Anderson, Minneapolis. Time—23.0.

**JUNIOR GIRLS, 220 YARDS**—(1)—Karen Mattson, St. Paul Midway; (2)—Marcella Trowse, Paterson, N. J.; (3)—Caroline Sierbinski, Minneapolis. Time—22.4.

**MIDGET BOYS, 440 YARDS**—(1)—Andrew Korenak, West Allis, Wis.; (2)—Bob Zirkel, West Allis, Wis.; (3)—Tony Schmanski, Alpena, Mich. Time—48.3.

**SENIOR MEN 880-YARDS**—(1)—Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J.; (2)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis; (3)—Al Dimmer, Detroit. Time—1:25.9.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS  $\frac{3}{4}$  MILE**—(1)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis; (2)—Berg Brummer, Elgin; (3)—Leo Dooley, Paterson, N. J. Time—2:19.1.

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS 880-YARDS**—(1)—Janet Koch, Minneapolis; (2)—Pat Moore, Minneapolis; (3)—Pat Nicolett, Chicago CYO. Time—1:30.7.

**JUNIOR BOYS 880-YARDS**—(1)—Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO; (2)—John Setterberg, Minneapolis; (3)—Harold Chrysler, Detroit. Time—1:33.4.

**JUVENILE BOYS 220-YARDS**—(1)—Dennis Ewer, Minneapolis; (2)—Dick Miller, Chicago (Northwest); (3)—Barry Landmark, Minneapolis. Time—21.2.

**SENIOR WOMEN 880-YARDS**—(1)—Donna Wang, Minneapolis; (2)—Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit; (3)—Bernice Melewski, West Allis, Wis. Time—1:35.8.

**JUNIOR GIRLS 880-YARDS**—(1)—Lois Hinshaw, St. Paul Midway; (2)—Caroline Sierbinski, Minneapolis; (3)—Marcella Trowse, Paterson, N. J. Time—1:38.8.

**SENIOR MEN 1-MILE**—(1)—Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J.; (2)—Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis; (3)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis. Time—3:15.9.

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS 2-MILE**—(1)—Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield, Mass.; (2)—Berg Brummer, Elgin, Ill.; (3)—Ed Suttle, Minneapolis. Time—6:07.3.

**JUVENILE GIRLS 220 YARDS**—(1)—Carol Kratz, West Allis, Wis.; (2)—Jean Simon, Chicago (Northwest); (3)—Judy Kaufman, St. Paul Midway. Time—22.8.

**MIDGET GIRLS 440 YARDS**—(1)—Cleone Winkels, St. Paul Shop Pond; (2)—Ann Cooper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; (3)—Mary Wallin, Minneapolis. Time—53.8.

**JUVENILE BOYS 880 YARDS**—(1)—Richard Pelner, West Allis, Wis.; (2)—John Sheehan, St. Paul Midway; (3)—Jack Bell, Cleveland. Time—1:30.5.

**JUNIOR BOYS 1 MILE**—(1)—James Fischer, Milwaukee; (2)—Ron Hoelscher, St. Paul Shop Pond; (3)—Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO. Time—3:05.8.

**SENIOR WOMEN 1 MILE**—(1)—Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit; (2)—Bernice Melewski, West Allis, Wis.; (3)—Florence Wrona Carter, Saginaw, Mich. Time—2:23.9.

**SENIOR MEN 5 MILE**—(1)—Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J.; (2)—Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis; (3)—Robert Jahn, Bogota, N. J. Time—15:54.9.

### Final Point Totals

#### SENIOR MEN

Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J., 150; Ken Bartholomew, Minneapolis, 130; Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis, 70; Buddy Solem, Chicago, 20; Robert Jahn, Bogota, N. J., 10; Chuck Burke, Chicago CYO, 10; Alex Gogden, Pittsfield, Mass., 10; Don Hamer, Minneapolis, 10; Al Dimmer, Detroit, 10.

#### SENIOR WOMEN

Lorraine Sabbe, Detroit, 120; Florence Wrona Carter, Saginaw, Mich., 70; Bernice Melewski, West Allis, Wis., 60; Donna Wang, Minneapolis, 30; Charlotte Chase, Saranac Lake, N. Y., 20.

#### INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Ed Suttle, Minneapolis, 150; Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield, Mass., 60; Joe Prather, Champaign-Urbana, Ill., 50; Berg Brummer, Elgin, Ill., 40; Robert Hall, Providence, R. I., 30; Bill Bohan Jr., St. Louis, 10; Leo Dooley, Paterson, N. J., 10; Pat Buckley, Waukesha, Wis., 10.

#### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Pat Nicolett, Chicago CYO and Pat Moore, Minneapolis, tied for title with 40 points each; Janet Koch, Minneapolis, 30; Gerry Dailey, St. Paul Midway, 30; Gwendolyn Dubois, Newberg, N. Y., 20; Mona Donnelly, Detroit, 10; Barbara Anderson, Minneapolis, 10.

#### JUNIOR BOYS

Jack Heistand, Chicago CYO, 130; James Fischer, Milwaukee, 50; John Setterberg, Minneapolis, 40; Tom Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y., 40; Ronald Hoelscher, St. Paul Shop Pond, 30; Harold Chrysler, Detroit, 10.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS

Karen Mattson, St. Paul Midway, 40; Lois Hinshaw, St. Paul Midway, 30; Caroline Sierbinski, Minneapolis, 30; Joan Starrett, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 30; Marcella Trowse, Paterson, N. J., 20.

#### JUVENILE BOYS

Dick Pelner, West Allis, Wis., 60; Dennis Ewer, Minneapolis, 40; Gerald Pierce, Minneapolis, 20; Dick Miller, Chicago (Northwest), 20; John Sheehan, St. Paul Midway, 20; Barry Landmark, Minneapolis, 10; Jack Bell, Cleveland, 10.

#### JUVENILE GIRLS

Jean Simon, Chicago CYO, and Carol Kratz, West Allis, Wis., tied for title with 50 points each; Kathleen Merry, St. Paul Midway, 10; Judy Kaufman, St. Paul Midway, 10.

#### MIDGET BOYS

Andrew Korenak, West Allis, Wis., 60; Bob Zirkel, West Allis, Wis., 40; Bob Schmidt, St. Paul Midway, 10; Tony Schmanski, Alpena, Mich., 10.

#### MIDGET GIRLS

Cleone Winkels, St. Paul Shop Pond, and Carol Ames, Chicago CYO, tied for title with 30 points each; Lauretta Burks, Chicago CYO, 20; Mary Wallin, Minneapolis, 20; Ann Cooper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 20.



SECOND ANNUAL

EASTERN STATES A. A. U.  
Basketball Tournament

PITTSFIELD'S  
"Tournament of Champions"

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TEAM  
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY



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Official Team Roster

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In consideration of your accepting this entry, we hereby for ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, waive any and all claims for damages we may have against the Pittsfield Boys' Club, Department of Parks and Recreation, or the Pittsfield National Guard Units, their agents, successors, representatives and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at the said Tournament to be held March 4, 5, and 6 or during training period for same.

ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES

Each team must provide and arrange for its transportation to and from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The Tournament Committee will provide for housing and meals for each team, with a minimum of eight players and coach or a maximum of ten players and coach, as long as they remain in play.

Entry fee \$5.00 to be enclosed with entry blank.

RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

**Eligibility**

This Tournament is positively limited to eight teams. District Champions are entitled to preference. Where no district Tournament is conducted, the Tournament Committee will select the best teams or team.

Each player must be registered with the A.A.U. as an amateur and each team must have a travel permit issued either by their local A.A.U. Commissioner or by a member of the Registration Committee of their Association.

NO AGE LIMITATIONS

**Plan of Tournament**

Play will commence Friday, March 4th, 1949 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts State Armory, and all teams must be ready for play at that time unless advised differently by the Tournament Committee. First round games will be played Friday, March 4th. Semi-final games Saturday, March 5th and Finals Sunday, March 6th.

ENTRY DEADLINE MARCH 1, 1949

**Conduct of Teams**

The Tournament will provide a Physician in attendance at all games. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any players or teams for improper conduct.

All contestants will have free use of the Pittsfield Boys' Club, Pittsfield Y.M.C.A., Pittsfield F.M.T.A., and the shower and bath facilities of the State Armory.



## Limited Playground Program Planned for Spring and Fall

### Junior League To Finance Project At Clapp and Crane in Co-operation With Parks and Recreation Department

A demonstration spring and fall playground program will be held this year under the sponsorship of the Junior League in co-operation with the Parks and Recreation Department. The decision was made at a special meeting of the Junior League yesterday in the Women's Club. The League will finance the project and provide volunteer leaders to assist a man and woman leader to be selected soon.

Clapp playground will be opened from May 9 to June 18 and Crane playground from Sept. 12 to Oct. 22, weather permitting in both cases. The spring venture will provide recreation until the regular summer program for the 15 playgrounds starts June 27, and the fall sessions will extend the recreational supervision another month. Both periods will offer supervision from 3 PM until dark, five days a week, and Saturday from 9 until noon, with the possibility of staying open Saturday afternoons if interest warrants it.

#### Long Period Program Planned

Junior League members will be volunteers handling the program in the early afternoon hours as a demonstration project. Meanwhile the league's project committee will study a long-term plan to be announced soon.

For the past four years the Board of Park Commissioners has

requested funds in its operating budgets to provide leadership at six of the playgrounds for a spring and fall program it was pointed out today by Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation. In each case the item was eliminated. Last year's request was for \$2898 for leadership only, because there were sufficient supplies and equipment left over from the summer playground to carry such a program.

Mr. Perry pointed out that play programs would fill in after-study hours when children especially need supervised recreation. Without leadership, Mr. Perry added, the older children monopolize the playgrounds and the younger element is forced to play in the streets, often resulting in broken windows and other destruction to property. The plan calls for sending the younger children home at an early hour, while the older ones would be allowed to stay until the playground closed at night-fall. There is also the probability that families may be encouraged to use the facilities as they did last summer, he concluded.

## SHIRE CITY SPORTS

Pittsfield, Feb. 19.—There isn't a trophy for the Berkshire County basketball team which has the toughest luck. But if there were, it would go to Dalton High. Dalton lost a heart-breaker to Adams Tuesday night 31-29, because Fred Fahey of Dalton was charged with an illegal dribble. The ruling came as Fahey scored a basket, which would have tied the score, with only 14 seconds left. This was the second time during the 1949 season that Dalton lost because of a decision in the waning seconds. Against Drury at North Adams several weeks ago, Phil Lennon's floor goal at the final whistle would have given Dalton a one-point edge. But Drury finished one point ahead, because traveling was called on a Dalton player, who handed off to Lennon.

Pittsfield's Parks Speed Skating Club will close what already is its best season tomorrow afternoon as it concludes a two-day meet at Lake Placid, N. Y. In this one, the local blade artists will be shooting for their fourth title in five starts. That's a phenomenal record, when one considers that the club entries in most of these Northern New York Association events range from 12 to 16.

Pittsfield should do well in this one. For it again will have the services of Art Longsjo, Alex Goguen and Barbara Mooney. Last week end they were competing in the national meet at St. Paul, Minn. Yet despite their absence, Pittsfield walked away with honors at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Longsjo won the intermediate boys' national one-mile title. Goguen was third in the senior men's two-mile. Miss Mooney didn't place, but she has been a consistent point-winner in the meets in this area.

### Pittsfield's Seniors

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

The Golden Age Club is bound to grow if it is supported by the people who can afford to help or by an appropriation from the city.

The public no doubt will be surprised to know that there are 4943 citizens in Pittsfield who are 65 years of age. This figure does not include those who are not registered or who have moved here since 1946.

This record of the 65-year-old residents as tabulated by me shows the number in each ward is as follows: Ward 1, 583; Ward 2, 727; Ward 3, 593; Ward 4, 762; Ward 5, 734; Ward 6, 828; and Ward 7, 616.

The town of Lee has a community center costing \$45,000. Pittsfield is talking of having a municipal arena-auditorium that will accommodate some 7500 persons which may help keep our young people in Pittsfield. But these elderly people surely deserve some consideration now.

ARTHUR BURDICK.  
Pittsfield.

## Pittsfield Skaters Entered In Final Meet at Lake Placid

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team will start this afternoon for Lake Placid to compete in the final outdoor speedskating meet of the winter sport season. With four wins out of five starts, the local team is expected to make a good showing, but it will be a very close race before the final team points are computed. Reports from Lake Placid indicate that the ice is perfect and with a six-lap track on Mirror Lake a good turn out of skaters can be expected. Ray Blum, national champion, will be the target of some 50-odd senior skaters who will be trying their best to win over the New Jersey star. Arthur Longsjo, Pittsfield's intermediate skater, who made such an excellent showing at St. Paul when he was crowned the national one-mile and two-mile champion, will have his work cut out for him if he hopes to make it three out of four meets for the season. He broke the state record when he took the one-mile. To date the only one outside of the national that he has lost was the local meet.

A total of 30 skaters was named to make the trip, and local officials were hard put to secure sufficient transportation to Lake Placid. At a late hour the Red Cross, A. S. Hyatt, Fred Wilson and Birchard

Buick had agreed to loan vehicles, all station wagons, to take the skaters. Those named to make the trip were: Alex Goguen, senior man; Arthur Longsjo, Eugene Vidoli, Bartram Reeves, Richard Conway, intermediate boys; Victor Bonneau, Joseph Satrape, James Williamson, Ned Hine, junior boys; John Cantarella, Peter Sabato, William Baumgartner, juvenile boys; Donald Terpak, Joseph Basiliere, Buddy Hogue, Leon Duval, Robert Dunn, midget boys; Robert Dunn, sick yesterday, may not be able to make the trip.

In the ladies' division are Barbara Mooney and Patricia Fitzpatrick, senior; Doris Shantz, Patricia Farrell, Janice Gregory, juniors; Angie DelSignore, Marcia Gerlach and Nancy Viner, juvenile girls; Bette Jane Goerlach, Eleanor Wesley, Carolyn Cassidy and Penny Kirk, midget girls; Ann Goerlach, cradle class. Mrs. Leonora Goerlach will be in charge of the girls.

The sale of memberships to defray the cost of transportation and lodging still continues, with more than 260 sold to date. Each skater is attempting to sell his share of 10. Each individual skater pays his own meal expense. Six skaters of the group have reached their goal or exceeded it. They are John Cantarella, Carolyn Cassidy, Penny Kirk, Angie DelSignore, Robert Dunn and Richard Siard.

## Park Board Asked for \$665 To Finance Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club may get an appropriation of \$665 to finance its activities the rest of this year, as the result of a meeting last night of the park commissioners. The commissioners will act this week to obtain funds, it was reported by Monroe B. England, chairman.

In the budget submitted by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls and women's activities, \$500 at \$50 a month for the remaining 10 months would be earmarked for rental of an informal meeting place; \$90 would be for arts and crafts tools; and \$75 for expendable games such as parchesi and checkers. The Golden Agers meet informally this afternoon at 2 in the YMCA, with regular meetings

scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The commissioners also voted to have eight amateur boxing cards this summer under sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. A committee will be formed soon to push that proposal.

Edward Dillon, one of the Professional Baseball Corporation's directors, discussed terms of this year's contract for use of Wahconah Park. No terms were announced, but Mr. England said they were about the same as for 1948. The commissioners gave the Hollywood Grill baseball team permission to use Wahconah Park on 16 dates, subject to cancellation in the event of a conflict. Mr. England added that bids for the concessions at Pontoosuc Lake this summer will be asked soon.

## Fast Field Listed for Swim Meet

### Several AAU Titles At Stake Tonight In Dalton Pool

DALTON—Forty-four entries are listed for the New England AAU championship swimming meet tonight at the Dalton Community House, according to Ed Mongeon, chairman of the Pittsfield city-wide swimming committee and manager of the meet. The event, scheduled to start at 7.30, is sponsored jointly by the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Dalton Community Recreation Association.

Outstanding last-minute entries include Jean, Joan and Marion Senior and Louise Sherlock, who will represent the Wanskuck Boys' Club of Providence. They will vie for the New England senior 100-yard breaststroke championship. The Senior sisters have individually captured many titles this season, and as a team last week won the New England senior 300-yard medley relay crown.

Marion Senior and Miss Sherlock are also entered in the 100-yard backstroke, an open event. In the New England junior 220-yard freestyle championship event, Pat McVey and Mary McNamara, both of the Metropolitan Swimming Club of Boston, are rated as top competitors.

For the 100-yard Massachusetts state championship backstroke event, the Metropolitan Swimming Club has entered Bill Wentworth and Jim McGowan. Wentworth will also try for the 220-yard freestyle Massachusetts crown.

All coaches will meet with the committee at the Community House at 6 this evening to seed heats. Contestants should check in at the Community House by 6.45.

The members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club, that will compete in the Eastern States Championships at the Boston Arena Sunday afternoon, went to the Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, today to get some practice on a rink, which is about the same size as that at the Arena. They want to accustom themselves to functioning on a smaller course than the outdoor rinks on which they have raced.

#### Tourney Semifinals Tonight

Some very interesting contests were staged in the New England AAU Basketball Tournament, that opened with four games at the Pittsfield Boys' Club last night. The success of the tourney seems assured as there was a large turnout last night and an even bigger attendance should be the case tonight.

In the semifinals at 7.30 Company K of North Adams will take on the Florence AA and at 8.30 the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes will go against St. Stanislaus of Adams.

The finals will be held tomorrow night.

#### Tourney Opens Here Tonight

The first annual New England AAU basketball tournament will open at the Pittsfield Boys' Club tonight at 6. There is no need of passing up the evening meal in order to attend the tourney because four contests are on the program.

The Lynn Eagles who were scheduled to meet Ascii's Tyler Aces in the first game withdrew the entry and their place will be taken by Company K of North Adams. In the other games the Florence AA will take on the St. Anthony's Crusaders of North Adams at 7, Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes will meet Rochester (N.H.) Jewelers at 8 and Brattleboro (Vt.) Cardinals will go against St. Stanislaus AA of Adams at 9.

The semifinals will take place tomorrow night and the finals Saturday.

The tourney winner will be eligible to play in the Eastern States AAU tournament at the State Armory next week. The following week the New England AAU Women's tournament will take place at the Girls' League and later in March there will be a week of basketball in the annual Berkshire County Junior Championship tournament at the Pittsfield Boys' Club.



Third Annual  
**WOMEN'S INVITATION**  
**A. A. U. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
 NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



PITTSFIELD PROFESSIONAL DRUG TEAM—1948 CHAMPIONS Plouffe

Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
 March 11, 12 and 13, 1949  
 Girls' League Gymnasium

Sponsored by: THE BUSINESS GIRLS' BASKETBALL LEAGUE OF PITTSFIELD  
 Conducted by: DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION, PITTSFIELD, MASS.  
 Sanctioned by: NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT  
THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT AT THE NATIONAL  
TOURNEY TO BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH, MO.  
FROM MARCH 20th, THROUGH MARCH 25th, 1949

Trophies will be presented to the New England Champions, and the runners up.

Awards will also be presented to the Outstanding Player of the Tournament; and to the team displaying best sportsmanship.

Entries will be limited to eight teams.

1948-49 Women's A.A.U. Rules will govern the play.

All Tourney games will be played on the Girls' League Court, Pittsfield, Mass.

Housing will be provided for ten players and Coach, until team is eliminated from Tourney.

All Team members must be registered in the New England Amateur Athletic Union.

Entry Fee—\$5.00 per team

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES — MONDAY, MARCH 7th

Single Elimination Tournament

Four Elimination Games on Friday Night

Semi-Finals on Saturday Night

Finals on Sunday

MANAGERS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD AN 8x10 GLOSSY  
TEAM PHOTO WITH ENTRY BLANK TO  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
52 SCHOOL STREET, PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S INVITATION A.A.U.  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sanctioned by  
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AT GIRLS' LEAGUE GYMNASIUM

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, MARCH 11, 12, 13, 1949

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Please enter us in the Pittsfield Women's Invitation A.A.U. Basketball Tournament, and in consideration of your acceptance of this entry, we hereby for ourselves, our heirs, and assigns, waive any and all claims to damages which we may have against the New England Ass'n., A.A.U., the Pittsfield Department of Parks and Recreation, the Business Girls' Basketball League of Pittsfield, the Girls' League Ass'n., and their agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by us in said tournament.

Signature.....

Manager

Team or club.....

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### Signature of Players

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This form must be signed by each individual player on a team, and also by the Team Manager.

Attach to this blank, the entry fee of \$5.00

The above Entry Blank, when accepted by the Tournament Committee, officially enters the team registered in the 1949 Tourney. All the above members signed to compete in this Tournament must be registered in the A.A.U.



# Three Williams Swimmers Take Leading

## Wineman, Reid and Snyder Capture Titular Events

Three Senior Sisters From Providence Gain First Three Places in NEAAU Senior 100-Yard Breaststroke

By TOM MORTON

DALTON—Three Williams College entries and a trio of sisters from the Wanskuck Boys' Club, Providence, took most of the honors at the New England AAU championship swimming meet at the Community House Saturday evening. Sponsored jointly by the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Dalton Community Recreation Association, a capacity crowd of 200 witnessed the eight competitive events and enjoyed a water ballet exhibition by the American Red Cross aquatic troupe under the direction of Miss Phyllis Y. Riehl.

### Reid Wins by Strong Finish

In the closest event of the evening, Robert Reid of Williams College came from behind in the last lap to take the 220-yard freestyle Massachusetts state championship from Preston Daane of Worcester Academy. Reid's time was 2:18.2 and the win added another laurel to his fast-growing record. He was New England intercollegiate champ last year in the 220 and 440 freestyle events.

The swimming Senior sisters from Providence brought the gallery to their feet as they splashed in to cop the first three places in the NEAAU senior 100-yard breaststroke. The 17-year-old twins, Jean and Joan, finished in that order and their 20-year-old sister, Marion, was third. As a team these three girls last week won the New England senior 300-yard medley relay crown. In the women's 100-yard backstroke open, Marion added another crown to the family collection as she took first over Louise Sherlock, also from the Providence club.

In the other Massachusetts state championship at stake, Henry Wineman of Williams beat out his teammate, K. C. Lippincott, in the 100-yard backstroke. The third Williams victory came in the 100-yard breaststroke open, won by John Snyder, with another Williams entry, O. I. Svenson, placing second.

### Dalton Girl Takes Race

The Berkshire County 40-yard freestyle for girls under 15 was taken by Grace Tucker of Dalton. The same event for boys was won by Bernard Tatro, representing the North Adams YMCA.

Ed Mongeon of Pittsfield was meet referee; Capt. Jack Lane of Boston, starter; Joseph M. Lathan of Providence, head judge; Alex Houston of Boston, head timer. Other officials were George McTeague of Lee, Fred Senior of Providence, Robert Gross of Great Barrington, Barren Sears of Pittsfield, Roy Watmough of Providence, Mrs. Roert Muir of Williamstown, Joseph Rogers of the University of Massachusetts and George Childs of Pittsfield.

### The summaries:

#### Women's Events

NEAAU senior 100-yard breaststroke: Won by Jean Senior, Providence; 2d, Joan Senior, Providence; 3d, Marion Senior, Providence. Time, 1:25.

NEAAU junior 220-yard freestyle: Won by Mary McNamara, Metropolitan Swimming Club, Boston; 2d, Pat McVey, Boston; 3d, Chris Fazzi, Providence Center Boys' Club. Time, 3:06.6.

100-yard backstroke, open: Won by Marion Senior, Wanskuck, Providence; 2d, Louise Sherlock, Providence; 3d, Connie Mills, Center, Providence. Time, 1:16.

40-yard freestyle, Berkshire County, for girls 15 and under: Won by Grace Tucker, Dalton; 2d, Patricia Wilder, Dalton; 3d, Diane Nadeau, Pittsfield. Time, 29.5.

#### Men's Events

100-yard backstroke, Massachusetts State championship: Won by Henry Wineman, Williams College; 2d, K. C. Lippincott, Williams; 3d, Joseph R. Rogers Jr., Amherst High School. Time, 1:01.8.

220-yard freestyle, Massachusetts state championship: Won by Robert Reid, Williams College; 2d, Preston Doane, Worcester Academy; 3d, Mitch Jacque, University of Massachusetts. Time, 2:18.2.

## Honors in Meet

## at Dalton



**MAKE RACE FAMILY AFFAIR:** Three sisters from Providence, R.I., took first three places in 100-yard breaststroke event for senior women in NEAAU meet at Dalton Community House pool. Ed Mongeon, manager of event, is shown making presentations to the natatorial Seniors. Left to right are the sisters in this order, Jean Senior, Marion Senior and Joan Senior. Jean and Joan are 17-year-old twins. Marion is 20.

## Pairings Given For AAU Hoop Tournament

Games Start Tomorrow, 6.15 PM At State Armory

Pairings for the second annual Eastern States AAU basketball tournament, which will start in the State Armory tomorrow night, were announced early this afternoon by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The admission of the Concord (N.H.) Senators, the Millerton (N.Y.) AA, and the Dalton American Legion late this morning completed the eight-team field.

The pairings: 6.15, the GE Tank Shop of Pittsfield vs the New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club; 7.15, Dalton vs the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes; 8.15, the Elizabeth (N.J.) Immaculate Conception vs Concord; 9.15, the Watertown (N.Y.) Otakie Market vs Millerton.

## Golden Age Club Hears Talk by W. T. Victoreen

About 60 members of the Golden Age Club heard Walfrid T. Victoreen speak on early American furniture at their meeting yesterday at the YMCA. He illustrated his talk with a collection of miniature furniture.

Joseph N. Dumont was appointed publicity chairman, assisted by Stephen J. Burns. George A. Meyers sang one of his own compositions, and Mrs. Sarah Eddy introduced a song she composed about the Golden Agers. Dr. Charles P. Crowley presided.

A community sing was held and refreshments served. Dancing now has been added to the regular program.

All persons over 65 are urged to attend the meetings every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4.30 at the YMCA. There is no charge.

## 13 Local Skaters To Compete At Rye, N.Y.

Thirteen members will represent the Pittsfield Parks and Speedskating Club in the Middle Atlantic indoor championship skating meet at Rye, N.Y., Sunday night.

The group will include: Senior men, Alex Goguen; intermediate boys, Arthur Longsjo and Gene Vidoli; junior boys, Victor Bonneau; midget boys, Robert Dunn, Richard Simard and Donald Terpak; junior girls, Doris Shantz; juvenile girls, Nancy Ann Viner, Angie Del Signore and Marcia Gerlach; midget girls, Bette Jane Goerlach and Eleanor Wesley.

The group will leave Pittsfield at 11 A.M. The competition is scheduled to start at 5.30 P.M. The skaters will stay overnight in Rye.



## BROADHURST HAS 10 POINT LEAD IN LAKE PLACID MEET

### Takes Two Seconds; Pittsfield Skaters Make Excellent Showing

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 19 (AP)—Al Broadhurst, North American indoor speed skating champion, took a 10-point lead in the men's division of the Lake Placid invitational meet today. The two-day competition will end tomorrow.

The first events were run off on Mirror Lake today but because of soft ice conditions, the remainder were slated on the Olympic Arena indoor rink.

#### Takes Two Seconds

Broadhurst of Boston finished second in both the men's 440-yard and one-mile races to compile 40 points. In points he was trailed by Alex Goguen of Pittsfield, Mass., and Bob Jahn of Brooklyn, each with 30 points. Goguen won the 440 and Jahn, the one-mile test.

Mary Lynch of Newburgh swept into the women's division lead with 50 points. She won the 220-yard dash and tied for first in the mile with Priscilla Elk of Brooklyn. Miss Elkow accumulated 35 points and Charlotte Chase of Saranac Lake, N. Y., 30. Other division leaders:

Girls' Intermediate—Aldrina Lebel, Lake Placid, and Gwen Dubois, Newburgh, N. Y., tied with 50 points each.

Boys' Intermediate—Arthur Longsjö, Pittsfield, Mass., 50 points.

Junior Boys—Thomas Fina, Lake Colby, N. Y., 30 points.

Junior Girls—Marian Tomlinson, Paterson, N. J., 50 points.

Juvenile Boys—Leon Carangi, Newburgh, 60 points.

Juvenile Girls—Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield, 30 points.

Midget Boys—Donald Beam, Binghamton, N. Y., 50 points.

Midget Girls—Betty Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield, 30 points.

#### The summaries:

Men's 1-mile: 1, Jahn; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Don McDermott, Grossinger. Time, 2 min., 58 sec.

Women's 220-yard: 1, Mary Lynch; 2, Charlotte Chase; 3, Priscilla Elkow. Time, 23.4 seconds.

Women's 1-mile: Tie for first between Miss Lynch and Miss Elkow; 3, Miss Chase. Time, 3 min., 28.6 sec.

Intermediate Boys' 1-mile: 1, Jack Scholl, Brooklyn; 2, Arthur Longsjö, Pittsfield; 3, Bob Swanson, Boston. Time, 3 min., 14 sec.

Intermediate Boys' 440-yard: 1, Longsjö; 2, Fred Kretz, Newburgh; 3, Leo Dooley, Boston. Time, 52 seconds.

Intermediate Girls' 440-yard: 1, Aldrina Lebel, Lake Placid; 2, Gwen Dubois, Newburgh; 3, Marjory Dyer, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Time, 59 seconds.

Intermediate Girls' 1/2 mile: 1, Miss Dubois; 2, Miss Lebel; 3, Miss Dyer. Time, 2 min., 30 sec.

Junior Boys' 440-yard: 1, Toma Fina, Lake Colby; 2, Gene Reynolds, Saratoga Springs; 3, Victor Bonneau, Pittsfield. Time, 46 seconds.

Junior Girls' 440-yard: 1, Marcella Trowse, Paterson; 2, Marian Tomlinson, Paterson; 3, Carmen Perrego, Newburgh. Time, 51.3 seconds.

Junior Girls' 220-yard: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Beverly Stewart, Newburgh; 3, Trowse. Time, 23.2 seconds.

Juvenile Boys' 1-6 mile: 1, Leon Carangi, Newburgh; 2, Jim La Fountain, Lake Colby; 3, Jay Hasbrouck, Newburgh. Time, 31 seconds.

Juvenile Boys' 220-yard: 1, Carangi; 2, Hasbrouck; 3, Bill Baker, Lake Colby. Time, 23.4 seconds.

Juvenile Girls' 440-yard: 1, Nancy Ann Viner, Pittsfield; 2, Elaine Smith, Saranac Lake; 3, Joyce Vanputen, North Haldon, N. J. Time, 51.1 seconds.

Midget Boys' 1-6 mile: 1, Don Beam, Binghamton; 2, Ray Larson, Boston; 3, Kenneth Lebel, Lake Placid. Time, 29.1 sec.

Midget Boys' 220-yard: 1, Lebel; 2, Beam; 3, Larson. Time, 24 seconds.

Midget Girls' 440-yard: 1, Betty Jane Goerlach, Pittsfield; 2, Shirley Bruso, Saratoga Springs; 3, Eleanor Wesley, Pittsfield. Time, 60 seconds.

## Grandstand Plans Revived By New Estimate of Cost

### Maine Construction Company Says Job Probably Can Be Done for \$100,000— Engineers Studying Wahconah Park Site

Recently abandoned plans for a grandstand at Wahconah Park took a new lease on life today with the disclosure that a Maine construction company has stated that it can probably build the proposed structure for about \$100,000.

If further study substantiates this very preliminary estimate, which does not include rest rooms and dressing rooms, the city may reactivate the plans that it pigeonholed four months ago when the only bid for the grandstand came to \$209,976, more than double the amount that had been appropriated.

The firm that has made the \$100,000 estimate is the Hussey Manufacturing Company of North Berwick, Me., a concern that is currently erecting a \$60,000, 1700-seat grandstand in Watertown, N.Y. The Hussey engineers have taken a look at the Wahconah site and are now studying it further before submitting more detailed cost figures.

Preliminary negotiations are being carried out for the city by the Park Commission and Superintendent of Parks Jackson J. Perry. The City Grandstand Commission, which was set up three years ago to provide the Wahconah Park facilities, was disbanded early in January at its own request after reporting that it had been "unable to fully complete its mission."

#### Seating Capacity 2200

The grandstand the Hussey company proposes to erect would have a seating capacity of 2200, as against the 1700-seat structure originally planned by the City Grandstand Commission.

It would have a steel roof, capped by a press box, but would not include dressing rooms and similar facilities under the stands. It would be set up, however, so that these rooms could be added later.

The cost of delivering and erecting this grandstand, according to the company's tentative figures would come to \$68,837. Another \$25,000 to \$30,000 would probably be needed for driving piles at the site, a job which would be farmed out to a sub-contractor.

At the Park Department this morning it was explained that the principal reason for the big differential between the Hussey figures and previous estimates is that the Maine firm would make several extensive and cost-saving changes in the city's present plans, which were drawn up in 1946 by the late Joseph McA. Vance.

The changes would be primarily structural and would not result in

altering the grandstand's outward characteristics appreciably. The principal revision would be in the use of steel rather than concrete to lace the tiers of the grandstand together.

If these plans prove feasible, and if the city were to put them into effect, completion of the grandstand could be assured for the start of the 1950 baseball season at Wahconah. The Hussey company expects to complete its Watertown, N.Y., contract this spring and would be able to start work in Pittsfield immediately after the season closes next fall.

#### Detailed Estimates Promised

Parks Superintendent Perry said this morning that the company expects to submit its detailed estimates to the city within the next two weeks. The plan that will be submitted will be in three sections: the main part of the grandstand, with a seating capacity of 900, and two wings with seating capacities of 600 apiece. This will enable the city to limit its building to the size that it feels it can afford.

Whether Pittsfield would be willing to pay out the full \$100,000 for a 2200-seat grandstand is problematical. The original appropriation for the Wahconah project was \$54,000, to which an additional \$26,000 was added in 1947 when it was found that driving would be necessary because of soil conditions at the site.

A further complicating factor is the recent proposal to acquire a giant Navy-surplus Quonset hut as a municipal arena and auditorium. This structure, which the mayor has suggested might be placed at Wahconah Park, is being investigated at the present time to find out whether the city can afford to pay the cost of moving it to Pittsfield and setting it up here.

## Hibbard Community Center Seeks Sewing Machines

A general call for sewing machines has been made by the newly organized adult sewing class of the Hibbard Community Center it was announced today by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The new sewing class will meet for the first time tomorrow at 8.15 PM at the community center, and all arrangements for sewing instruction have been completed, with the important exception of locating sewing machines.

## Wave of Hoop Tournaments Soon to Hit Pittsfield

### Four Events Carded for Next Few Weeks Start Coming Thursday When New England AAU Play Begins at Boys' Club

Pittsfield, Feb. 19—The greatest wave of basketball tournaments in history is about to hit Pittsfield. Four are scheduled for the next month. Three different playing surfaces will be used. The first will start next week. It will be the New England AAU tourney, and Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, is hopeful that several state champions will be entered. All games will be played in the Boys' Club gymnasium. Four first-round contests will be staged Thursday night. A pair of semifinals are listed for Friday night, and the championship game will be Saturday night.

#### Aid March of Dimes

Massachusetts' two entries already have been named. Pittsfield and Berkshire County will be represented by the Asci Tyler Aces, unbeaten leaders of the Boys' Club Senior League. The eastern part of the state will send the Lynn Eagles, who claim to be undefeated in 12 starts.

All net proceeds of the semifinals round will be contributed to the Pittsfield March of Dimes committee. Decision to that effect was made when it was learned that the tournament's second round and a proposed semipro polo fund benefit contest conflicted on that night. Original plans called for the GE Tank Shop and the Loyal Order of Moose to meet in the Armory.

The second tournament also will be an AAU affair. This will be the Eastern States event, slated for the State Armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 3, 4, and 5. This also will be an eight-team affair, with four first-round games on the first night, the semifinals on the second, and the championship tilt on the third. The New England winner will be invited, and the championship team will be sent to the National AAU event at Denver, Colo., later in the month.

The Eastern States is being held in Pittsfield for the second time. Last year it was staged in April with the Immaculate Conception team of Elizabeth, N. J., defeating Basse-Clerke of Pittsfield in the finals.

#### Girls' Tourney

The third tourney will be the New England AAU girls' tournament at the Girls' League the second week of March. An unusual schedule has been arranged for this event. Instead of the usual Thursday, Friday and Saturday setup, this tournament will begin on Friday night, March 11. Eight teams also will be entered in this one. The semifinals are listed for Saturday, March 12, with the titular game Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2.

Defending champion in this competition will be the Pro Drug girls of this city. As New England titlists last winter, they competed in the national meet at St. Joseph, Mo. They dropped first two starts in the double elimination affair.

Fourth on the hit parade will be the annual Boys' Club Berkshire County junior championship tournament. That is listed for the week of Monday, March 21 through Saturday, March 26. Sixteen teams probably will be entered, although there has been some talk of cutting the number to 12. First-round contests will be played in the Boys' Club gymnasium, but the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship game will be in the State Armory.

## Posters Publicize Golden Age Club

A score of posters publicizing the Golden Age Club for Pittsfield people 65 years and over have been distributed throughout Pittsfield. The posters were made by Walfrid T. Victoreen, a member of the club. The group will have an informal meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 in the YMCA. Formal meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays, with informal sessions on the alternate dates. Anyone in that age bracket is welcome.



# Pittsfield Skaters Win Title at Lake Placid

## Local Team Has To Rally To Erase 30-Point Deficit

**Nancy Ann Viner, Goguen, Longsjo Gain Divisional Crowns—Perry Plans Entry for Hub Meet Sunday**

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.—With three of its members gaining divisional titles, the Pittsfield (Mass.) Speedskating Club yesterday shot from second place to an impressive championship in the annual Lake Placid invitation meet. Behind 30 points at the conclusion of Saturday's competition, the Massachusetts combine did so well yesterday that it finished 70 points ahead of runner-up Newburgh, N.Y. Pittsfield had 350, Newburgh 280.

### To Skate at Hub Sunday

In concluding its most successful season in history, Pittsfield was gaining its fifth meet championship in six starts. Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation in Pittsfield, said a team of 12 skaters will represent the city in the New England indoor championship meet Sunday at Boston, but that the 30-member club has ended its campaign.

The meet started as an outdoor affair, but was transferred indoors halfway through Saturday's program because of poor ice. All of yesterday's races were held in the Olympic Arena.

Nancy Ann Viner and Art Longsjo won crowns in the juvenile girls and intermediate boys' classes, respectively, and Alex Goguen shared honors with Al Broadhurst of Boston and Bobby Jahn of Brooklyn in the senior men's division.

Little Miss Viner yesterday smashed her own record for the 220-yard race. She did the distance in 23.4 seconds, which was the exact time of Miss Mary Lynch, the Newburgh girl, who won honors in the senior women's class. Nancy Ann cut six-tenths of a second from the previous mark.

Nancy Ann also won the 440-yard race Saturday and finished second yesterday in the one-sixth of a mile. The 1948 national and North American girls' midget champion trailed Joyce Van Putten of Paterson, N.J., in the latter event.

Back from the nationals at St. Paul Minn., where he won the mile championship, 17-year-old Longsjo made an impressive showing in the intermediate boys' class. He won the 440 and 880, and was runner-up in the 220 and the mile.

Goguen took both the 220 and the 440. Jahn won the half-mile and the mile. Broadhurst gained his 60 points on seconds in the 440, half-mile and mile. Jahn won a race-off for the trophy over the half-mile distance.

Goguen was runner-up to Don McDermott of New York City in the special three-mile race, but that didn't count in the scoring. If there had been a point award for this contest, Goguen would have been senior champion.

Bette Jane Goerlach was runner-up to Shirley Bruso of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in a close battle for the midget girls' crown. Bette Jane started well Saturday by taking the 440, but fell behind yesterday when she was runner-up in the 220 and the one-sixth of a mile. Ever-improving Eleanor Wesley made her best showing of the season by getting thirds in the 220, one-sixth of a mile and 440.

Victor Bonneau placed third in the junior boys' 440 Saturday. Ann Goerlach, Bette Jane's little sister, took seconds in special midget girls' competition in the 220 and one-sixth of a mile. This class wasn't counted in the meet point totals.

Angie Del Signore, who has beaten Nancy Ann Viner several times this winter, had an unfortunate week end. Falls knocked her out of the running in both the 220 and the one-sixth of a mile. She went the route in the 440, but didn't place.

Thirteen teams competed. Saratoga and Lake Placid were tied for third with 180, and Lake Colby was fifth with 150.



### BEAUTY, TOO

The 1-2 combination of Junior girls from Patterson, N. J., Marcella Trowse and Marion Tomlinson. At the extreme right in background . . . Lawrence K. Miller, Editor of the Berkshire Eagle, watches the Sunday Republican's photographer in action.



# New Haven Upsets Elizabeth 52-51 in

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## Young Connecticut Team Plays Daring Keep Game

Leo Barbaro, New Haven Guard, Gets Most Valuable Player Award—Drive Late in Third Period Writes Result

By ROGER O'GARA

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Among the items which moved before Armorer Ezreal J. (Doc) Grandshaw's broom in the sweeping up process late Saturday night were height charts and past performance records. Those two misleading bits of information had been pushed into an obscure corner by the aggressive, little New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club, which captured the Eastern States AAU tournament basketball title with a form-shattering 52-51 win over the heavily favored defending champions of Immaculate Conception of Elizabeth, N. J.

### Amendola Eats Up 15 Seconds

For a long time, the 1000 spectators in the State Armory couldn't believe it any more than the hitherto classy New Jersey team. But as the fourth quarter wore on, it began to appear that the eight-point chain which New Haven had fashioned in the late minutes of the third period was going to write the result.

The issue was in doubt until the final buzzer. But the Connecticut kids, who were far and away the youngest entry in the strong eight-team field, held fast to their one-point margin with a daring 35-second keep game. That was punctuated by little Tony Amendola's sensational 15-second solo dribble and three successive waivings of foul shots.

New Haven, which had thrived on strife throughout the three-day event, made spirit and condition offset experience, finesse and height. Elizabeth's prosperity in its first two tournament games, actually seemed to boomerang on it in this one. For the exhausted New Jersey veterans looked futile in their attempts to gain possession for one more try after Joe McNamara's floor goal had pulled them to within one point with 35 seconds left. New Haven's close man-for-man checking bothered Elizabeth greatly.

Leo Barbaro, whose sensational push shooting kept New Haven in the tournament in the first two games, brought his team home with a pair of important last-period floor goals. The 19-year-old guard had made 48 points in the first two nights, but he went scoreless in the first half of the final. However, he came back to rack up eight points in the last two quarters, and his one-handed push scores twice restored three-point advantages in the final period. Barbaro also played a superb defensive game.

### All-Star Team

His all-around play earned him the most valuable player award and a place on the all-tournament team. He was the only New Haven man so honored. That in itself attests to the fact that the Connecticut AAU champions' victory was a product of combined efforts. The other men on the all-star quintet were Eddie Fox of Elizabeth and George Duffy of Pawtucket, forwards, Joe Monteiro of Pawtucket, center, and Joe McNamara of Elizabeth, guard. The selectors were George Ditmar, William A. Knoblock and Lawrence Bossidy of the tournament committee and Roger O'Gara of The Eagle and WBEC.

The lead changed hands five times and there were nine ties. The deadlock stations were at 2, 4, 5, 16, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 36.

New Haven threw together a seven-point chain to hold a 12-6 lead at the close of the first period. That didn't faze Elizabeth, which came roaring back with an 11-point skein that brought a 22-18 advantage at the end of the half.

When Al Burke, Elizabeth guard, opened the second half with a lay-up basket, it looked as if the expected pull-away had started. But Barbaro hit on two glittering push shots for a 26-26 tie, and the teams fought desperately on even terms until baskets by Fox and McNamara sent Elizabeth ahead 36-32. Then came the conclusive eight-point chain. Angelo Petrafessa and Elwood Cox gained a tie for New Haven with close range scores, and Amendola and Cox registered floor goals for a 40-36 three-quarter edge. Both of Cox's baskets in this drive were on follow-ups.

Three times in the final period, Elizabeth climbed to within one point of a tie. The last score for New Haven was Cox's set shot basket on a pass from Amendola.

That came with 1.05 left, and made the count 52-49. With 47 seconds to go, a technical foul was called on Burke, but Barbaro missed. Seven seconds later, McNamara took an out-of-bounds pass from Bill Hourihan, and rang the bell on a lay-up.

Amendola then drove Elizabeth mad with a weaving dribble, which started at mid-court, went to the forecourt, and returned to the middle with New Jersey players trying unsuccessfully to steal the ball. With 20 seconds left, Roger Davies fouled Angelo Ruggiero, but New Haven took the ball out of bounds. The same play occurred with seven seconds remaining, and New Haven waived again. With four seconds left, Burke was called for fouling Amendola, and New Haven continued its possession game.

### McNamara Leads Scorers

McNamara's 19 points made him high scorer of the tournament with 61. Barbaro finished second with 55. Hugh Sharkey, Elizabeth center, one of the standouts of the 1948 event, was runner-up for his team with 12 points, but he was out on his feet in the last five minutes of play. Barbara, Amendola and Cox were the stars for New Haven.

Several dozen New Haven fans attended. They were led in cheering by a frog-voiced, good-natured fellow, who brought the house down several times with his novelty acts.

## Eastern States AAU

### Hoop Final



**TITULAR TROPHY:** Tony Amendola, right, captain and star guard of the New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club, accepts the Eastern States AAU championship basketball tournament trophy, after the 52-51 victory over Immaculate Conception of Elizabeth, N.J., Saturday night. Making the presentation is George Ditmar Sr., chairman of the tournament committee.

In the main preliminary, the GE Tank Shop defeated Otakie's Market of Watertown, N.Y., 44-35.

The Cartier Club of Adams defeated the Wahconah All-Stars of Pittsfield, 40-35, in the opening preliminary.

The scores:

New Haven				Elizabeth			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Petrafessa, lf	4	1	0	Davies, rg	2	0	4
Sutnik, lf	1	1	3	Burke, rg	1	0	5
Cox, rf	5	0	10	McNamara, lg	9	1	19
Ruggiero, rf	2	0	4	Sharkey, c	4	4	12
Weeks, c	3	0	6	Hourihan, rf	2	2	6
Amendola, lg	6	0	12	Fox, lf	2	1	5
Canelli, lg	0	0	0	Lynch, lf	0	0	0
Barbaro, rg	4	0	8				
	25	2	52		20	11	51

Referees, Joe Woltkoski and Bill Vickery, both of Pittsfield. Time, 10-minute quarters.

GE Tank Shop				Watertown			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Powers, lf	3	2	8	Broadbent, rg	3	4	10
Quadrizzi, rf	3	1	7	Hodge, rg	0	0	0
Bolster, rf	4	2	10	Dyer, lg	1	2	4
O'Gara, c	2	1	5	Rima, c	5	1	11
Moynihan, c	2	1	5	Carpenter, c	1	0	2
BusHayes, lg	0	0	0	Nelson, rf	0	0	0
Quirk, lg	0	0	0	Wilson, rf	1	0	2
Creer, rg	4	1	9	O'Driscoll, lf	3	0	6
				DeLosh, lf	0	0	0
	18	8	44		14	7	35

Referees, Paul Sweeney of Pittsfield and Jack Bernasconi of Lenox. Time, 8-minute quarters.

Cartier Club				Wahconah All-Stars			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Hakes, lf	4	2	10	H. Shepard, rg	0	0	0
Lemoline, lf	1	1	3	Condon, rg	1	0	2
B'bardier, rf	1	5	7	Diamond, lg	0	2	2
McClannan, c	2	2	6	Hawboldt, lg	0	0	0
Racette, lg	1	1	3	Mierzewski, c	3	0	6
Pecora, lg	0	0	0	J. Shepard, c	1	1	3
Bertilion, rg	5	1	11	Newman, rf	5	2	12
				Schink, rf	0	1	1
				Welter, lf	2	1	5
				Broderick, lf	2	0	4
	14	12	40		14	7	35

Referees, Jimmy Eullan and Frank Polidoro. Time, 8-minute quarters.

### Local Girls Win Easily In Tournament

**NORTH ADAMS**—The Professional Drug Store of Pittsfield walloped the Haydenville Hoboettes 56-12 in a Western Massachusetts AAU girls' basketball tournament first-round contest in the Drury High gym here last night. In the other contest, Sprague Electric Company of North Adams defeated Ashfield 27-10.

### AAU Players Stayed at Three Places

All housing for out-of-town players here for the Eastern States AAU basketball tournament was donated, the committee announced today.

The young men were quartered at the Springside House, the General Electric Athletic Association and the City Infirmary.



# Elizabeth and New Haven To Meet in

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## Connecticut Champs Upset Pawtucket Hoboes 79-67

Immaculate Conception Trounces Watertown 69-41—Championship Contest in Armory To Start at 9

By ROGER O'GARA

The ball-handling artistry, keen set-shooting and obvious experience of Elizabeth, N.J., will be pitted against the rough marksmanship and fight of New Haven, Conn., in the Eastern States AAU basketball final tonight at 9 in the State Armory.

### Elizabeth Big Favorite

Elizabeth's entry, the Immaculate Conception Club, defending champion in the event, became an odds-on favorite to retain its title by walloping the Otakie Market of Watertown, N.Y., 69-41 in the second semifinal round game last night. But the underdog role won't be new to the young New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club. That's exactly where it was cast before it took the floor to score a decisive 9-67 win over the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes in the first semifinal last night.

The Pawtucket players asked to be released from appearing in a consolation round. They left for home late today. But the committee saved its triple-header program. It substituted a preliminary between the Watertown club and the GE Tank Shop. The preliminary to that preliminary will be between the Wahconah All-stars of this city and the Cartier Club of Adams. That is set for 7.

### New Haven 79, Pawtucket 67

New Haven pushed Pawtucket out of the tournament in more than one sense of the word. The big shove was by means of the one-hand push shot. Medium-sized Leo Barbaro, 19-year-old former New Haven Commercial High star, was the chief executioner. He pegged 25 points, and most of his dozen baskets came on deft flicks from the vicinity of the foul line.

Form ran smoothly for only the first five minutes. Pawtucket hopped to a 10-2 lead on the strength of a seven-point chain after many misses by both teams. But the younger, faster Connecticut youngsters overtook the foe before the end of the first period, and set about a gradual, heart-breaking widening process.

Skins of seven and six points gave New Haven a 15-12 advantage at the close of the first 10 minutes. Only in the early stages of the second period did Pawtucket actually show any real comeback strength. It spurted to a 16-15 edge, then faded fast. New Haven was ahead by 15 points, 38-23, at the half. Barbaro went wild in the second period with five floor goals.

A 12-point string, which raised the count to 32-18, actually dealt Pawtucket the death blow. In this barrage, the Hoboes looked very much like frustrated bums, as the superior condition of the youngsters became apparent. Pawtucket again was playing with six men. New Haven used eight, and the extra manpower made a difference.

New Haven even was getting an even break on the rebounds. Little fellows like Angelo Petrafessa, Canelli, Sutnik and Barbaro were claiming the big bounces which stemmed from frequent misses by tiring Pawtucket. And the steady six foot, three inch center, Lenny Weeks, was doing better than all right.

Joe Monteiro, the big Pawtucket guard, who last week won the most valuable player award in the New England AAU tournament here, did his best to keep his team in the fight. He scored 11 points in the first half, but even he fell off the pace after intermission. He finished with 17.

The courageous work of slender George Duffy saved Pawtucket from a complete rout. Duffy, who suffered a serious stomach shrapnel wound in World War II, was a sick boy in this tournament. He has frequent agonizing recurrences of the injury. He felt so badly that he wasn't able to start the game. Yet he came on in the second period, and sheer spirit ignited his shooting eye in the second half.

After going the second period with only a single conversion, Duffy scored 18 points in the second half. His individual brilliance and courage won the admiration of the crowd, but he was laboring for a doomed cause.

Only once did it appear that Pawtucket might achieve the impossible. It was 60-38 at the three-quarter mark. Early in the final period, the Hoboes made 10 consecutive points. But even that flurry left them 13 points in arrears.

The final score actually was as close as they were able to get during the entire second half.

### The score:

New Haven			Pawtucket			
	B.	F.		B.	F.	
Petrafessa, lf	6	0	12	Monteiro, rg	8	1
Ruggiero, lf	2	0	4	McCarthy, lg	0	3
Cox, rf	4	1	9	Whipple, c	5	1
Canelli, rf	3	2	8	Papas, rf	2	0
Weeks, c	4	1	9	Duffy, rf	7	5
Amendola, lg	1	2	4	Kaveney, lf	6	1
Sutnik, lg	4	0	8			
Barbaro, rg	12	1	25			

Referees, Paul Sweeney and Joe Woitkoski, both of Pittsfield; time, 10-minute quarters.

### Elizabeth 69, Watertown 41

The Watertown team today must feel like a fellow who has been attacked by a swarm of infuriated New Jersey mosquitoes. That's how intense the Elizabeth club's set-shooting was in this rout.

Joe McNamara, Hourihan and Davies went to work at ringing the bell right at the outset. And then little Eddie Fox warmed up. Tournament observers agreed

that it was the finest display of set shooting seen in the two years the event has been staged here.

McNamara was high scorer with 21 points. Fox and Davies had 13. Late in the second period, Fox sank four consecutive sets.

Immaculate Conception jumped to a 7-0 lead in the first 2½ minutes. From that time, on, it was strictly no contest. It was 23-10 at the first period, 45-20 at the half and 54-29 at the third quarter.

The Northern New York team's height advantage didn't count for anything. Watertown's pair of giants, Carl Rima and Bernard (Bud) Broadbent, both six feet, six inches, weren't anything more than unhappy spectators under their defensive bank. Immaculate Conception didn't miss often enough to say so in the opening half.

Hugh Sharkey's floor play for Elizabeth was outstanding. The lean Seton Hall College student was all over the place as he broke up numerous enemy plays, and turned them into quick baskets.

### The score:

Elizabeth			Watertown			
	B.	F.		B.	F.	
Burke, lf	1	1	3	Broadbent, rg	5	4
Brokaw, lf	1	0	2	Carpenter, lg	0	0
Lynch, rf	2	1	5	Dyer, lg	1	1
Fox, lf	5	3	13	Modge, lg	1	0
Sharkey, c	2	1	5	Rima, c	3	5
McNamara, lg	8	5	21	Nelson, rf	0	0
Dugan, lg	0	0	0	Wilson, rf	1	1
Hourihan, rg	3	1	7	O'Driscoll, lf	3	2
Davies, rg	6	1	13	DeLosh, lf	0	0
	28	13	69		14	13

quarters. Referees, Jack Bernasconi of Lenox and Bill Vickery of Pittsfield; time, 10-minute quarters.

## Eastern AAU Finals

### Tonight

### Pro Drug Team Eliminated From AAU Tournament

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—The Pittsfield (Mass.) Pro Drug team was eliminated from the national AAU girls' basketball tournament here yesterday afternoon, when it bowed to the Byrd-Harwell club of Little Rock, Ark., 32-28. It was the second successive loss for the Massachusetts club.

The Little Rock combine held the advantage most of the way, but the comparatively small Pittsfield girls fought hard.

### Local Skaters To End Season Sunday in N.Y.

Ten members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating team will leave Sunday morning at 11 for the final meet of the year at the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Ice Palace, where the Eastern States indoor championships will be held.

Leading the local skaters, who will return Monday noon, are Arthur Longsjo and Alex Goguen who have been approved by the Northern New York Skating Association to represent them at the North Americans in Colorado next month. Longsjo will be after his fifth straight indoor title out of as many starts, while Goguen will be seeking his second win. Eleanor Wesley will be after her third indoor win while Bette Jane Goerlach is skating for her second victory.

Others who will make the trip are Robert Dunn, Richard Simard, Mary Ann Komuniecki, Marsha Gerlach, Nancy Ann Viner and Angie DelSignore.

### Skaters Have Three More Major Meets

The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club will have entries in three more indoor meets before calling it a season.

Sixteen members will compete tomorrow night at Lynn in the first annual North Shore championship meet. This experience will be unique, as they will be running on indoor ice, made by a pipe system, on an indoor track, 16 laps to the mile, but the stars will be overhead. The explanation is that the arena hasn't been completed.

Also on the calendar are the Lake Placid indoor meet Saturday and Sunday March 19 and 20 and the Brooklyn Ice Palace events Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27.

Alex Goguen and Art Longsjo are being considered as possible entries in the North American indoor championship meet at Colorado Springs, Col., late in April.

### Movies and Popcorn For Country Clubbers

Members of the Junior Country Club will see movies and pop popcorn at the regular dance meeting tomorrow night from 6.30 to 9.30 in the Springside Junior Country Club, Miss Eunice O'Brien, chairman of entertainment, announced today. The club's paper also will be ready for distribution then. The paper, edited by Henry Gallison, is sold for three cents a copy. Proceeds are used to meet costs of publishing with any profit left over going into the treasury.



# North Adams, Adams, Florence, Pawtucket

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## Semifinals Will Be Played At Club Tonight at 7.30

Co. K Beats Tyler Aces, Florence Trips Crusaders, Pawtucket Edges Rochester, N.H., and St. Stanislaus Beats Brattleboro

By FRANCIS M. CALLANAN

Entries from North Adams, Florence, Adams and Pawtucket, R.I., advanced to the semifinals of the first annual New England AAU basketball tournament by virtue of their victories in the opening round before a large crowd at the Boys' Club gymnasium last night. Company K of North Adams eliminated Asci's Tyler Aces, Pittsfield's lone entry, 42-33, Florence AA edged St. Anthony's Crusaders, 43-40. Pawtucket, R.I. Hoboes edged Rochester, N.H., Jewelers 46-44, and St. Stanislaus of Adams beat Brattleboro, Vt., Cardinals, 46-31.

### Semifinals Tonight

Thus the semifinals will be staged tonight with Company K meeting Florence in the opener at 7.30 while St. Stanislaus of Adams tangles with the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes in the nightcap at 8.30. The winners of these two games will meet in the finals tomorrow night at 9 and the winner of the championship of the competition will earn the right to participate in the Eastern States AAU tourney at the state Armory next week. The net proceeds from the games tonight will go to the March of Dimes.

With the exception of the final tilt all games were closely contested and the fans were treated to some high class play. A capacity crowd is assured for the games tonight. All four member states of the New England AAU are represented in the tourney. The tournament is under the joint sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Boys' Club.

John Massimiano in charge of the tourney announced that the Pawtucket and Rochester teams will be quartered at the Springside House on North Street. The other clubs are fulfilling their engagements by commuting.

The swimming pool facilities at the Boys' Club have been made available to the athletes for the duration of the tournament, Fred S. Fahey, Boys' Club director of Athletics, reported. Mr. Fahey said that the Florence AA players, were greatly impressed with the club's modern swimming pool.

### Co. K Beats Aces

A big third quarter in which Company K put together runs of nine and four points enabled the North Adams club to come from behind to eliminate Asci's Tyler Aces, 42-33, in the opener. The local Aces tallied only a pair of markers, on a double-counter by Bob Dunn, in the decisive third period.

Co. K jumped off to a 6-3 lead in the opening canto but the Aces drew up on even terms at the quarter with the score knotted at 8-all. Led by Johnny Mahoney, whose placid exterior conceals a strong competitive urge, the Aces were on top 24-18 at the intermission.

But the Northern Berkshire aggregation came out with blood in its collective eye after the rest period. With Red Lewitt and Allie McPherson showing the way the visitors fashioned a nine-point skein. After Dunn's floor goal broke the spell two quick hoops by Ed Lawton and Walt Kateley gave the Northern Berkshire combination a 31-26 margin as the third session closed. Cleaner ball handling and more accurate shooting gave the visitors an edge in the final period although the Aces battled gamely to the finish.

Red Lewitt topped the winners with 15 counters on six floor goals and three foul conversions. Mahoney led the Aces with five double-counters and four gift tosses, good for 14 markers.

### The score:

Company K			Asci's Tyler Aces			
	B.	F.	P.	B.	F.	P.
McPherson, rf	4	3	11	DiNicola, lg	1	1
Kately, lf	3	1	7	P. Hayes, rg	3	0
M'Donough, lf	0	0	0	Dunn, c	3	0
Lewitt, c	6	3	15	R. Hayes, lf	2	0
Brown, rg	2	1	5	Mahoney, rf	5	4
Hosley, rg	0	0	0	Donovan, rf	0	0
Lawton, lg	2	0	4			
	17	8	42		14	5

Referees, Vickory and Sweeney. Time, 8-minute periods.

### Florence Edges Crusaders

A chain of seven points in the final minute and 11 seconds enabled the Florence AA to edge out St. Anthony's Crusaders, of North Adams 43-40 in the second tourney tilt which was a thriller from start to finish. Florence forged to the front near the close of the second period and held a six-point advantage at the intermission after playing the opening eight minutes to a 9-all deadlock. Coach Tony Rinaldi's Crusaders came back in the third period to wipe out the six-point lead and take a two-point margin as the quarter ended.

It was nip and tuck in the final quarter and with 3.15 to play the North Adams combine held a five point advantage. Here Florence again started to hit its mark, tied the score at 40-all on two quick shots by Lucey. This same player broke the tie with a foul toss and with 29 seconds to play Vanasse scored on a layup to give Florence a well earned victory.

To show the closeness of play the game was tied no less than 12 times with the lead changing hands eight times.

Jack O'Neil and Bill Lucey with 12 markers each were high point getters for Florence. O'Neil registered six floor goals while Lucey tallied five double counters and two fouls. Dick Vanasse contributed 11 from his center post.

Everett Unis was the big gun for the Crusaders and high scorer of the game with 14 points on seven floor goals. Tony Rinaldi scored 11.

### The score:

Florence AA			Crusaders				
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Lucey, rf	5	2	12	F. Unis, lg	2	0	
Grant, lf	1	1	3	Rinaldi, lg	4	3	1
B. Kmetz, lf	2	1	5	Bolsvert, rg	3	1	
Vanasse, c	4	3	11	Farinon, c	0	0	
J. O'Neil, rg	6	0	12	E. Unis, c	7	0	1
R. O'Neil, lg	0	0	0	Roy, lf	0	2	
L. Kmetz, lg	0	0	0	Magnifico, rf	1	0	
	18	7	43		17	6	4

Referees, Woltkoski and Bernasconi. Time, 8-minute periods.

### Pawtucket Shades Rochester

The Pawtucket Hoboes came from behind to nose out the Rochester Jewelers, 46-44 in a crowd-pleasing third game. The Rhode Island club came on the floor with hand-me-down warmup jackets, but there all similarity with the underdog ceased.

Playing without their ace, Bob Smith, who is bothered with a bruised leg, the winners presented a formidable array of talent in Ray McCarthy, Bob Whipple, and Joe Monteiro, each listed at 6 feet 3 inches, chunky Bob Kaveny, former Holy Cross player, and the clever and energetic George Duffy.

This combination whipped the ball around with speed and precision and built up a 23-14 half-time margin. At this juncture it looked as if the Hoboes would post an easy win.

But the Jewelers came out after the intermission and proceeded to put on a blistering offensive, completely taking the play away from the Pawtucket club. The loss of McCarthy, who had four personal fouls and watched most of the third quarter from the sidelines hurt the Hoboes' cause. In this canto the Jewelers were controlling the backboards at both ends and breaking fast to tally 22 points and take the lead at 36-33. This total was increased by two as Bill Portrie opened the final period with a one-hander. But the return of

McCarthy sparked a five-point chain to knot the count.

With Kaveny and Monteiro showing the way the Hoboes led 44-41 at the automatic. Joe Douglas tossed in a foul shot to narrow the edge to two. Jim Sabourin counted on a feed from Kaveny to give the winners a four-point margin. Bob Breton converted two foul shots for Rochester just before the final buzzer.

Kaveny led the winners with 13 points on five floor goals and three foul conversions. Portrie topped the Rochester club with 11 markers on four double-counters and three charity tosses.

### The score:

Pawtucket Hoboes			Rochester Jewelers				
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Duffy, rf	2	4	8	Dovelas, lg	1	1	3
Kaveny, lf	5	3	13	Allen, lg	1	0	3
Whipple, c	2	0	4	Edgerly, rg	4	2	10
McCarthy, rg	4	0	8	Leocha, c	4	0	8
Sabourin, rg	3	0	6	Gilman, c	0	0	0
Monteiro, lg	3	1	7	Portrie, lf	4	3	11
				Arlin, rf	0	0	0
				Breton, rf	3	3	8
	19	8	46		16	12	44

Referees: Vickory and Sweeney. Time, 8-minute periods.

### Saints Win Easily

Coach Frank Rogowski's St. Stanislaus quintet of Adams had things pretty much its own way by eliminating the Brattleboro, (Vt.) Cardinals 46-31 in the nightcap. After a close first period the Adams combine went on a scoring spree and held a 25-15 advantage at the intermission. The Saints led 35 to 20 at the end of the third period. Brattleboro was unable to cope with the fast play of the Saints and the tilt developed into a good workout for Coach Rogowski's boys in preparation for the battle with the Hoboes tonight. Francis McAndrews paced the winners with 15 points on five floor goals and five fouls. Billy Novak made 6 while Johnny Zaloga and Chet Zabek each made 5. Scoring for Brattleboro was evenly divided with Leo Rossi and Dick Shadyac each making 5.

### The score:

St. Stanislaus AA			Brattleboro, Vt.			
	B.	F.	P.	B.	F.	P.
Novak, rf	2	2	6	Shadyac, lg	3	0
Anton, rf	2	0	4	Rossi, lg	1	4
Beliveau, lf	1	0	2	Juscan, rg	2	1
Zaloga, lf	2	1	5	McCausey, rg	0	0
Romaniak, c	0	1	1	Carruth, c	1	2
McAndrews, c	5	5	15	Manning, c	0	1
Menty, rg	2	0	4	Briton, lf	2	1
Sanecki, rg	2	0	4	Hoffer, lf	2	0
Konat, lg	0	0	0	McCarthy, rf	0	0
Zabek, lg	2	1	5			
	18	10	46		11	9

Referees, Woltkoski and Bernasconi. Time, 8-minute periods.

## Local Skaters Entered for Boston Meet

### 22 Members of Park Dept. Club To Race Sunday

Twenty-two members of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club were named today to represent the organization in the Northeastern Skating Association's meet Sunday afternoon in the Boston Arena. It will mark the first bid by the local group, which won five of its six outdoor meets this winter, for honors in an indoor event.

The races will be held on a 16-lap track. The program for an indoor meet is considerably different from that for an outdoor contest. Midgets will have only one race, the 220-yard dash. Juveniles, juniors and intermediates will have but two races each. Senior women will vie for honors in three, and senior men will compete in four.

The Pittsfield entry list will be as follows: Senior men, Alex Goguen; intermediate boys, Arthur Longsjo, Bartram Reeves, and Eugene Vidoli; junior boys, Victor Bonneau, Joseph Satrape, and Robert Hogue; juvenile boys, John Cantarella; midget boys, Robert Dunn, Richard Simard, Buddy Hogue, Donald Terpak and Joseph Basiliere; senior women, Patricia Fitzpatrick; junior girls, Doris Shantz, Patricia Farrell and Mary Ann Komuniecki; juvenile girls, Nancy Ann Viner, Angie Del Signor and Marcia Gerlach; midget girls, Bette Jane Goerlach and Eleanor Wesley.





## FLASHING BLADES IN THE BERKSHIRES

Candid shots of highlights of the Fourth Annual Berkshire Hills Speed Skating Championships held on the Common at Pittsfield under the sponsorship of the Winter Carnival of the Park and Recreational Department. 182 "on the line" skaters representing 23 clubs from five states participated in this two-day affair that was witnessed by several thousand people.

Photos by Ed Toole

### RECORD-BREAKER

Pittsfield's juvenile skater . . . Angie DelSignori . . . having a coat thrown around her by sister Carmina after her record breaking one-sixth-mile race which was clocked at 33.3 seconds.

### "ON YOUR MARK"

— RIGHT —

Joe DeMattia of Medford and 57-year-old Ed Mitchell of Schenectady, N. Y. Little Joe is the youngest skater to ever compete in a Midget Class event.



### JUDGES

Officials confer on the finish of an event . . . left to right . . . Jack Perry, Pittsfield Commissioner of Recreation; Elmer Greenwood, president of Northern New York Speed Skating Assn., under which the meet was conducted; and Fran Douglas, chairman of the Berkshire Hills Winter Carnival Committee.







### PROUD MAMA

— LEFT —

City Councilwoman, Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, with her daughter Betty Jane, who is Silver Skates Champion, after the tiny miss had won the 440 midget race.



### WINTER FLOWER GARDENING

— LEFT —

William "Fitzie" Fitzgerald of the Park Department was the busiest man during the two-day meet. It was his untiring efforts that made the races possible, for it is trying work to build proper ice in this unseasonable weather. He's making repairs on a deep skate cut in the ice.



### POPULAR HERO

Alex Goguen of the Pittsfield S. C., was besieged by autograph seekers during the meet. Alex left after the races to compete in the National races at St. Paul, Minn.



# North Adams and Pawtucket Gain Finals

## Title Game Will Be Played At Boys' Club Tonight at 9

### in New England

Co. K With Bob Kateley Eliminates Florence AA 57-52 and Pawtucket, R.I., Hoboes Edge St. Stanislaus of Adams, 45-44

By FRANCIS M. CALLANAN

It will be North Adams against Pawtucket in the finals of the first annual New England AAU basketball tournament as a result of their victories in the semifinal battles played before another large crowd at the Boys' Club gymnasium last night. Coach Francis Rudnick's Company K quintet of North Adams eliminated Florence AA 57-52 in the opening contest while the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes edged St. Stanislaus of Adams 45-44 in the nightcap.

#### Finals Tonight

So the championship battle to determine the team to participate in the Eastern States AAU tourney at the Armory next Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be staged at the club gymnasium tonight at 9. It was decided to start this title game late because of the opening series tilt between Pittsfield High and Lee. This will give many of the fans an opportunity to attend both games. A capacity crowd is assured for this championship game and John Massimiano, who is handling the tourney for the Parks and Recreation Department predicts a capacity crowd.

Fred S. Fahey, director of athletics at the Boys' Club and co-sponsor of the meet announced that the club and Park Department have wired a joint acceptance of the invitation extended by AAU officials to conduct the tournament again next season. It will undoubtedly be shifted somewhere else in 1951.

A preliminary between the Irish quintet of Dalton and St. Joseph's Cadets of this city will be played at 7:45. These teams battled to a 41-40 score in Dalton last week.

#### Company K Beats Florence

Coach Francis Rudnick's Company K quintet of North Adams upset the dope and defeated Florence AA 57-52 in the opening semifinal contest. Bob Kateley, former Drury star and now a student at St. Michel's College and home for the week end was pressed into service and played an important part in the Company K victory.

It was a hard played battle all the way with North Adams holding the edge throughout the final periods. Coach Billy Kmetz's Florence boys kept in there fighting but fell short in the final drive.

Florence held a one-point advantage at the end of the first period with Company K holding a three-point lead, 23-20, at the intermission. The North Adams quintet maintained that advantage and led 37-34 at the close of the third quarter. Early in the fourth period North Adams was out in front by 10 markers, but in less than four minutes Florence had wiped out that deficit and trailed by only three points with three minutes to play. North Adams took another spurt and with less than a minute to go tallied four markers to put the game in the bag. Kateley was the difference in the ball game. In addition to playing a grand floor game he was high scorer for the winners with a total of 13 points on four floor goals and five fouls. Lewitt and Brown contributed to the victors cause with 12 points each. McPherson made 8 and Barry 5.

Charley Vanasse was the big gun for Florence with 20 points while Grant and the O'Neil brothers, Johnny and Ray, each made 10. From the foul mark Company K scored 13 out of 21 tries while Florence made good on 8 out of 15 tosses.

Company K			Florence AA		
	B.	F.		B.	F.
McPherson, rf	4	0	R. O'Neil, lg	5	0
B. Kateley, rf	4	5	W. Kmetz, lg	0	0
Lawton, lf	0	3	Phillips, rg	0	0
W. Kateley, lf	2	0	J. O'Neil, rg	4	2
Lewitt, c	6	0	Vanasse, c	8	4
Brown, rg	4	4	Grant, lf	4	2
Barry, lg	2	1	Y. Kmetz, lf	0	0
			Lucey, rf	1	0
	22	13		22	8

Referees, Woltkoski and Bernasconi. Time, 10-minute periods.

#### Pawtucket Edges Saints

A five point run late in the fourth period lifted the Pawtucket Hoboes from the ruck and sparked

the winners to a 45-44 win over the hard-fighting St. Stanislaus AA of Adams in a thrilling see-saw contest. The losing combination actually outscored the visitors from the floor, 18-15, but the Rhode Island club converted 15 out of 23 foul shots to build the winning margin. An enthusiastic Adams contingent supported its cohorts vociferously right down to the final wire.

Bill (Bushey) Novak and Chet Zabek, Adams stalwarts departed via the personal route late in the fourth quarter and their presence was sorely missed. Novak tallied 21 points, 11 in the third period to keep his team abreast of the driving Pawtucket aggregation. Operating without a crystal ball Zabek diagnosed plays with insight if not actual clairvoyance, intercepted passes right and left and turned in no less than a half-dozen assists.

Pawtucket jumped off to an early lead in the van at the quarter 11-9. The Saints tied the score at 19 but two quick hoops by the indefatigable Joe Monteiro just before the half put his club in the van. Largely due to the efforts of the high-scoring Novak the Adams team pulled up even at 34 as the third period closed. With Novak still spearheading the attack the Adams club built up a 40-38 lead with less than four minutes remaining but the loss of Novak and Zabek in rapid succession foreshadowed the final result. After Pappas converted a penalty toss to cut the margin to a single point, Monteiro dropped a stunning set shot from the side to give his club a one-point edge. Ray McCarthy converted a double to increase the difference to three. After Art Anton, Saints forward, sank a one-hander Monteiro came back with a layup on a feed from McCarthy before the automatic. Adams had several free shots at the hoop after the time-out but the only one that counted was Bill Konat's set from the side.

Novak's 21 markers made him the game's top scorer. Monteiro had 14 points to lead the Pawtucket parade. Captain Ray McCarthy, astute play-maker directed his team's play with finesse and chipped in eight counters.

Pawtucket Hoboes			St. Stanislaus		
	B.	F.		B.	F.
Duffy, rf	1	4	Zabek, lg	1	0
Kaveney, lf	4	0	Anton, rg	2	1
Whipple, c	2	2	Zaloga, rg	1	0
McCarthy, rg	1	6	McAndrews, c	3	2
Monteiro, lg	6	2	Konat, lf	2	0
Pappas, lg	1	1	Belliveau, lf	0	0
			Mentv, lf	0	0
			Novak, rf	8	5
			Romanik, lf	1	0
	15	15		18	8

Referees, Vickery and Sweeney. Time, 10-minute periods.

## Local Skier To Start Last In Downhill

### Verne Goodwin Follows 62 in U.S. Junior Meet

Special to THE EAGLE

RENO, Nev.—If Verne Goodwin, the 17-year-old ski speedster from Pittsfield and a pre-tourney favorite, is to win today's downhill race in the national junior ski championships, he's going to have to run after 62 other early starters to do it.

Goodwin last night drew the last starting position in the race that gets underway at 12 noon Pacific Coast Time (3 PM Eastern Standard Time).

Running ahead of him at one-minute intervals will be 46 other male entrants, and preceding the boys will be 16 girl racers. The mile-and-a-quarter downhill course drops 1500 feet.

Racing order of other outstanding contestants:

Richard Davenport, New York, fourth; Stan Pottle, Idaho, 10th; Allan Ramsey, Reno, 13th; Gary Peterson, Salt Lake City, 20th; Mac Miller, Idaho, 24th; Bob Cook, Connecticut, 26th; Dick Schwaegler, Sun Valley, 35th; Bart Prom, California, 40th; Darrell Robison, Salt Lake City, 42d; Douglas Burden Jr., Andover, N.H., 43d.

Five boys are out due to minor injuries: Paul Wagenknecht, Pittsfield; Pat Myers, Reno; Norman Geertsen, Idaho; David Noble, Seattle, Wash.; and James Epperson, Salt Lake City. Before their spills, all five had been considered good enough to place high in the tourney.

## Committees Named by Town Players

'First Mrs. Fraser' March 10, 11 and 12 Will Start at 8.15

Committees were announced today for the Town Players' forthcoming production of "The First Mrs. Fraser," under the direction of Mrs. Domnall F. Kelly. It will be presented March 10, 11 and 12 at 8.15 PM in the Berkshire Museum auditorium.

William Roberts has been named production manager and Walter W. Sisson Jr., stage manager. Dr. Richard S. Woodruff is in charge of stage design, and Carl H. Wilde is chairman of lights and sound. Robert T. Gage will assist Mr. Wilde.

Miss Marie Astore and Walter G. Boucher are cochairmen of the properties committee, assisted by Mrs. Carl H. Wilde, Mrs. Russell T. Shay, Mrs. Dorothea Walters, Edmund J. Mastrovito and the Misses Eleanor Sanborn, Priscilla Maynard and Jeanne Debacher. Costumes are being arranged by Mrs. John J. Finn, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Floyd D. McGuffin.

Miss Ann Rosenthal is chairman of the ushers, who are Mrs. Arthur E. Peltosalo, Mrs. Edward F. Sullivan and the Misses Rita Norton, Marion Steinman and Elizabeth Byrne. Publicity is being handled by Robert T. Gage, chairman, assisted by John A. Coffman, Mr. McGuffin, Mrs. Wilde and Keith Pierce.

Members of the ticket committee are Mrs. Walter W. Sisson, chairman, Mrs. Granville S. Pruyne, Miss Eileen Berry, Charles Benz and Mr. Coffman. Mrs. G. Alton Nicholls is chairman of make-up, assisted by Mrs. Coffman, Miss Justine Cooney, Mrs. Margaret Falconer Burbank and Mrs. Sisson.

#### Tourney Finals Tonight

The Immaculate Conception basketball team of Elizabeth, N.J., is favored to win the Eastern States AAU tournament at the State Armory tonight for the second straight time, although the New Haven Boys' Club team should make the competition interesting in the finals, starting at 9. New Haven registered an upset in turning back the Providence (R.I.) Hoboes last night by a comfortable margin. Elizabeth had no difficulty defeating Watertown, N.Y.

In the consolation game tonight GE Tank Shop will play Watertown because the Providence Hoboes decided not to remain over.



## Verne Goodwin Places Third In U.S. Junior Ski Tourney

Local Ace 2d in Downhill,  
5th in Slalom, in Meet Won  
By Mack Miller of Idaho

Special to THE EAGLE

RENO, Nev. — Verne Goodwin, Pittsfield ski star, placed third in the national junior downhill and slalom combined championships at Mount Rose over the week end. Second in the downhill and fifth in the slalom, Goodwin wound up behind Mack Miller of McCall, Idaho, the new junior champ, and Darrell Robison of Salt Lake City, Utah, who was second.

Racing for the Mount Greylock Ski Club, Goodwin was runner-up to Miller in the downhill, with a time of 1:34.9 for the mile and a quarter course. Miller's time was 1:32.1. Robison, who skied with a fractured jaw and seven missing teeth, was behind Goodwin in 1:36.0.

Robison came back to win the slalom yesterday, and Miller placed fourth. Goodwin looked like he might have won the slalom, and with it the championship, until he fell. He recovered quickly but lost precious seconds.

Sixty-two juniors were entered in the meet from all over the United States. Originally scheduled to be held on Mount Greylock, north of Pittsfield, the meet was shifted to Mount Rose at the 11th hour because of lack of snow in the Berkshires.

Transferral of the meet prompted Mayor Francis Smith of Reno to proclaim Saturday and Sunday "Pittsfield, Mass. days." Mayor Smith received a telegram from Mayor T. Capeless thanking the Nevada city for the proclamation.

A heavy blizzard Saturday hampered the running of downhill race Saturday afternoon. Visibility was limited to 30 feet most of the afternoon; and fires were lighted at the top of the course to keep the skiers warm.

The new title-holder was 12th in the national junior meet last March at Bogus Basin, Idaho, after tying for 12th in the downhill and placing 11th in the slalom. The runner-up, Robison, placed eighth in that meet, while Goodwin was fourth, after tying for fifth in the downhill and placing fourth in the slalom.

## Pawtucket Beats North Adams In Tourney Final, 82 to 60

Hoboes Earn Right To Represent New England States Meet at Armory Thursday—  
Monteiro Most Valuable Player

By FRANCIS M. CALLANAN

The Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes earned the right to represent the New England at the Armory this week as a result of an impressive 82 to 60 victory over Company K of North Adams in the finals of the first annual New England AAU competition before a good sized crowd at the Boys' Club gymnasium Saturday night.

### Monteiro Most Valuable

After the championship tilt trophies were awarded Pawtucket and Company K with a special prize going to Joe Monteiro of the Hoboes who was voted the outstanding player of the tourney. Awards were made by William F. Retallick, president of the Boys' Club, George E. Ditmar and Lawrence Bossidy. Members of the committee in charge of the affair

included William Knoblock, Francis Douglas, James J. McNeice and Elrich Archey.

The first New England tourney was a grand success and much credit is due John Massimiano of the Parks and Recreation Department and Fred S. Fahey, director of athletics at the Boys' Club, under whose auspices the event was staged. The Eastern States competition starting Thursday night at the Armory will also be co-sponsored by the same organizations.

Putting on a searing four-quarter offensive, the Pawtucket Hoboes overwhelmed Company K. From the moment Joe Monteiro, the tourney's most valuable player, counted on a follow shot to open the final period until the same performer tallied on a rebound just before the final buzzer, the highly geared Rhode Island club poured 34 points through the nets. The North Adams lads hadn't seen anything quite so catastrophic since the recent flood rampaged through their city.

The highly appreciative crowd was treated to a scoring revel in the closing canto as the two clubs had a total of 52 counters for the session. The ball moved from one end of the court to the other with rapid-fire frequency with the Hoboes' point production nearly doubling the total of 18 tallied by Co. K.

The first three sessions were fairly even and gave no hint of the impending scoring outburst. The first period ended in a 13-all tie. By counting the final three markers of the second frame, the Hoboes led at the half 27-24. The Pawtucket club increased its lead to 48-42 as the third chapter closed. Then came the deluge.

Monteiro was the game's leading scorer with 24 points on all floor goals and two free throws. He also monopolized rebounds and initiated the majority of his club's down-court thrusts. George Duffy and Bob Kaveny of Pawtucket had 16 markers apiece.

Red Lewitt topped Co. K with 22 counters, a total of 10 double-counters and a pair of foul conversions. Nonchalant Bob Kately had 21 points, 16 of which came in pairs from the floor and five singly via the penalty shot route.

In the preliminary St. Joseph's Cadets edged the Irish Five of Dalton, 47-46 to avenge an earlier defeat in the Papertown which was also won by one point. The third and deciding game will be staged in the near future. Principe and Mooney with 18 markers each were high scorers for their respective teams.

Pawtucket				Co. K			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Duffy, rf	7	2	16	Berry, lg	0	0	0
Mills, rf	0	0	0	Browne, rz	2	0	4
Kaveny, lf	5	6	16	W. Kately, rz	0	0	0
Whipple, c	7	1	15	Lewitt, c	10	2	22
Pappas, c	2	1	5	B. Kately, lf	8	5	21
McCarthy, rz	2	2	6	Lawton, lf	1	0	2
Monteiro, lg	11	2	24	McDonough, rf	0	1	1
				McPherson, rf	5	0	10
	34	14	82		26	8	60

Referees, Sweeney and Bernasconi. Time, 10-minute periods.

Cadets				Irish 5			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Principe, rf	5	8	18	Gingras, lg	2	0	4
Miraglia, lf	6	0	2	Hatton, rz	1	0	2
Kelly, c	3	0	6	Cobb, c	2	1	5
Poulin, rz	2	2	6	Mooney, lf	8	2	18
Welch, rz	0	1	1	Hatch, rf	6	4	16
Quinlan, lg	2	0	4				
	18	11	47		19	8	46



**SEEKS WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS TITLE:** The Professional Drug girls' team, Plouffe city champions of the Business Girls' Basketball League, will play Bernardston tomorrow night at Drury High, North Adams, in the opening of the Western Massachusetts AAU invitational tournament. Final play-offs among the eight contending teams will be held Saturday. The local combine, undefeated in the City League, suffered only one loss for the season on the road against 16 victories for all games. Dalton, last year's AAU winner, declined an invitation to the tournament. Left to right, back row: Thomas Kirby, coach; Irene Zajchowski, Jane Renzi, Norma Fitch, Lillian Belair, Marie Massery, Ilene Zajchowski, and Francis Reddy, coach. Front row: Mary Stavaski, Vera Gentile, Margaret Kirby, Nina Homich, and Margaret Degere.



## Local Skaters Finish Third In Hub Meet

Bette Goerlach,  
Art Longsjo  
Win Class Titles

BOSTON—The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club gained two class titles in the annual New England championship indoor skating meet in the Boston Arena here yesterday afternoon, but had to be content with third place. The Western Massachusetts outfit, which had won five of its six outdoor meets, finished with 190 points in its initial indoor competition. The Bay State Club of Boston won with 340 points, and the Brooklyn Ice Palace was runner-up with 250.

Bette Jane Goerlach of Pittsfield took the midget girls' championship with a first in the 330-yard dash and a second in the 220.

Her teammate, Art Longsjo, had to go into a skate-off to win the intermediate boys' crown. Longsjo finished first in the mile, but didn't place in the half-mile. Robert Swanbom of Boston didn't do anything in the longer event, but won the 880. Longsjo earned the class trophy by defeating Swanbom in a special three-quarter mile race.

Nancy Ann Viner, the little Pittsfield girl who won the midget North American and national crowns in 1948, was second in the juvenile competition. She finished second in both the 220 and the 440. The winner was Gloria Rattay of New York. Miss Rattay, who skates indoors all winter, took both races. Angie Del Signore of Pittsfield was third in the two events.

Alex Goguen of Pittsfield had tough luck in the senior men's contest. He started the two-mile, the third and final event in the class, tied for first with three others, Al Broadhurst of Roslindale, Bobby Jahn of Brooklyn and Clayton Meade of New York. Goguen had placed second in the mile and third in the three-quarter mile. Holding a comfortable second after 31 laps of the two-mile race, Goguen made the mistake of skating off the ice. He thought he had completed the distance, but there was one lap to go. So he lost out in his chance for the title, which was won by Al Broadhurst, who finished second in the two-mile. The winner of the long race was Eddie Dame of Boston.

Eleanor Wesley of Pittsfield was second in the midget girls' 330.

Sixteen clubs were represented in the competition. Contrary to a previous announcement, it wasn't the final meet for the Pittsfield team. A small group will represent the club at an indoor event in Lake Placid, N.Y., Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20.

## Dance Jamboree To Be at PHS Gym This Saturday 1/3

The Regular Saturday night square dance jamboree, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, will be held this week in the Pittsfield High School gymnasium instead of at the Masonic Temple, which is being used for a minstrel show. Pop Smith and his Old-Timers of Winsted, Conn., will play from 8:30 until 12.

Beginning March 12, the dances will be held at the Masonic Temple for eight Saturday nights. Although the number who attended the first affair there last week was small, Park Department officials say they anticipate attendance will increase sufficiently to make the affairs pay for themselves. They formerly were held at the State Armory.

## Five Teams Accept Bids To Eastern States Meet

Five teams have accepted invitations to the second annual Eastern States AAU basketball tournament, which will be held in the State Armory the last three nights of this week, John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, announced today. The event will be sponsored by the Park Department and the Boys' Club.

The teams are the GE Tank Shop, which was admitted as the host club, the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes, winners of the New England AAU tournament which was staged here last week, the Elizabeth (N.J.) Immaculate Conception, champion of the 1948 Eastern States meet, the New Haven Boys' Club, Connecticut AAU titlist, and the Watertown (N.Y.) Otakie

Market, which Saturday took the Adirondack District AAU tournament.

Massimiano said that the Rochester Jewelers probably will represent New Hampshire. The Rochester club lost 46-44 to the Pawtucket Hoboes in the opening round of the New England AAU meet.

Massimiano also expects to hear today from the Canisius College freshman team, which is rated as tops in the Niagara AAU district, and the Maine AAU champion. If those teams can make the trip, bids will be extended to them, he said.

Four first-round games will be played Thursday night, starting at 6. The semifinals will be held Friday evening, with the championship game Saturday night.

## Pittsfield Skaters Take Three Titles in Rye Meet 3/3

RYE, N.Y. — Three representatives of the Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speedskating Club won divisional titles in the tri-state championship indoor skating meet here last night. However, the Bay State club was second to the Brooklyn Ice Palace in the team listings. Brooklyn had 190 points, Pittsfield 170. Twelve clubs competed.

The Pittsfield winners were Alex Goguen, senior men's, Art Longsjo, intermediate boys, and Eleanor Wesley, midget girls.

Goguen's victory was somewhat of a surprise. All winter long, he has been a consistent point winner, but he hasn't been able to take any titles with Ray Blum, the Olympic star, around. However, Goguen surpassed Blum this time. The Pittsfield speedster took both the half-mile and mile races to compile 60 points.

Bobby Jahn of Brooklyn was second in the senior men's class. Blum, Frank Broadhurst of Roslindale and Eddie Dame of Boston were tied for third.

Longsjo had an easy time adding another intermediate crown. He also had 60 points with firsts in the half-mile and mile.

The ever-improving little Miss Wesley won her championship by leading the midget girls' field in the 220-yard dash, the only event listed in this division. Bette Jane Goerlach, who usually is Pittsfield's big point winner in this class, didn't compete.

Angie Del Signore gained 20 points for Pittsfield by finishing second in the juvenile girls' 330-yard race. Nancy Ann Viner and Marcia Gerlach both fell in semifinal heats in this event.

## Springside News On Sale Friday 1/3

The Springfield News, the newly organized Junior Country Club newspaper, will be on sale this Friday evening at the "far dance of the club. The paper is published monthly, and a new staff is appointed for each issue. The editor of this month's paper is Henry Gallison, assisted by Ronald Dean and Nick Knysk, sports editors; Bernard Sturgeon, Marsha Roberts and Jerry Ramsey gossip editors; Robert Weckman, literary editor; and Ralph Russetta, jokes.

## Tourney Opens Here Tonight

The second annual Eastern States AAU basketball tournament will open at the State Armory tonight with four games. The semifinals will be put on tomorrow night and the finals Saturday night. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, is in charge of the event and he has been very busy looking after the many details.

The Immaculate Conception team of Elizabeth, N.J., won the tourney last year and will be on hand again tonight.

At 6:15 the GE Tank Shop will oppose the New Haven Boys' Club. At 7:15 Dalton American Legion will go against the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes, who won the New England AAU tourney at the Boys' Club Saturday night. At 8:15 the Watertown combine will meet the Concord (N.H.) Senators and at 9:15 the Elizabeth quintet will play Millerton, N.Y.

Eight-minute periods will be played tonight and 10-minute quarters in the semifinals and finals.

## Local Persons To Participate In Conference

### Recreational Problems To Be Aired in Amherst

New England communities' recreation problems will be aired at the 13th annual recreation conference March 17 and 18 in Amherst, with local persons taking a leading part. They include Francis I. Douglas, Miss Elizabeth K. Kingsley, Edmond J. Mongeon and John A. Massimiano.

Recreation for persons over 60, how much recreation the community can afford to pay for, and arts and crafts programs are among the topics to be thrashed out.

Mr. Douglas, who headed the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee, will be chairman March 17 of the "headache huddle luncheon" for cities with populations over 50,000. Miss Kingsley, Pittsfield Girls' League director, is one of the leaders of the question box discussion group. Mr. Mongeon will be in charge of a swimming exhibit, and Mr. Massimiano, of an athletics exhibit, two of several to be set up at the University of Massachusetts during the conference.

Further information may be obtained at the Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Pro Drug Team Takes AAU Girls' Title

### Locals Defeat North Adams Team 14-13 in Finals 1/3

NORTH ADAMS — The Professional Drug Store team of Pittsfield captured the Western Massachusetts AAU girls' basketball tournament title by edging the Sprague Electric Company of North Adams 14-13 in the final round contest Saturday night in the Drury High gym. By winning, the Pittsfield women earned the right to represent this section in the New England AAU competition, which will open Friday night in the Pittsfield Girls' League gym.

Vera Gentile starred for the Pro Drug combine with five points. The Misses Balakos and Wisnowski shared honors for Sprague with four each.

The Pittsfield girls had to stage a strong second-half drive. Sprague led at the half by four points.

Professional Drug				Sprague			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Gentile, rf	2	1	5	Balakos, rf	2	0	4
Stavasky, cf	1	0	2	Wisnowski, cf	1	2	4
Kirby, lf	1	1	3	Trembley, lf	0	1	1
Belair, rg	1	0	2	King, lf	1	0	2
IrZajski, rg	0	0	0	Green, rg	0	0	0
Homich, cf	0	2	2	Roy, rg	0	0	0
Massey, cf	0	0	0	Miranti, cf	0	0	0
Degere, lg	0	0	0	Witter, lg	1	0	2
IrZajski, lg	0	0	0				
	5	4	14		5	3	13

## Pro Drug Team In Finals at North Adams

### Peg Kirby's Goals Bring 16-12 Win Over Haydenville

NORTH ADAMS — The Professional Drug Store of Pittsfield and Sprague Electric Company of North Adams will meet for the Western Massachusetts AAU girls' basketball tournament title in the Drury High gymnasium at 8:30.

Both scored close wins in the semifinals last night. Peg Kirby's pair of floor goals in the final period gave the Pittsfield team a 16-12 decision over the Haydenville Raiderettes after Sprague had beaten the Amherst Acerettes 30-27.

The Pittsfield and Haydenville clubs were tied at 12-all entering the final period. Miss Kirby scored twice in the opening minutes of the final period. Then, with two minutes to go, the Haydenville team walked off the floor in protest of a foul. The call was on Maggie Ryan, Haydenville guard, who was accused of charging into Vera Gentile, Pittsfield forward.

Miss Kirby led Professional Drug with nine points. Edith Wisnowski of Sprague was high scorer of the night with 14 points.

The scores:

Sprague Lassies				Amherst Acerettes			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Balakos, rf	1	0	2	Kilbass, rf	1	0	2
Wisnowski, cf	5	4	14	Kings, rf	1	1	1
Miranti, lf	2	0	4	M. Koenig, lf	1	0	2
King, lf	3	1	7	Moakler, lf	4	1	2
Green, rg	0	0	0	Bridges, rg	0	0	0
Miklas, cf	0	0	0	Connell, cf	1	1	3
J. Roy, rg	0	0	0	Dickinson, lg	0	2	2
D'Molino, rg	0	0	0	Turner, lg	0	0	0
M. Wittig, lg	1	1	3				
	12	6	30		10	7	27

Professional Drug				Raiderettes			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Gentile, rf	1	0	2	DLBarge, rf	1	0	2
Stavaski, cf	2	1	5	Emery, rf	0	0	0
Kirby, lf	4	1	9	Ducharme, cf	0	1	1
Belair, rg	0	0	0	Ekulash, lf	1	1	3
Homich, rg	0	0	0	Duda, lf	1	0	2
IrZajski, rg	0	0	0	E. Kulash, rg	2	0	4
Degere, lg	0	0	0	M. Ryan, cf	0	0	0
IrZajski, lg	0	0	0	Britton, lg	0	0	0
	7	2	16		5	2	12



# Elizabeth and Pawtucket Rated as Favorites

## Eastern States AAU Event Starts Tonight in Armory

**GE Tank Shop, Pittsfield's Entry, Faces New Haven Boys' Club in Opener of Four-Contest Program**

By ROGER O'GARA

Two teams, which already have proven their class on Pittsfield basketball surfaces, today were regarded as the favorites in the second annual Eastern States AAU championship tournament, which will start tonight at 6.15 in the State Armory. They are the Elizabeth (N.J.) Immaculate Conception Club, the defending champion, and the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes, who last week took the New England AAU tournament title here.

### Possible Finalists

They are in different brackets. So there's a possibility that they will be meeting in the final round Saturday evening.

Four contests will be played tonight. The two semifinal games will be played tomorrow night at 7.30 and 8.45. Tentative plans call for the beaten semifinalists to meet in a consolation round contest Saturday night at 7.30.

A slight change was made today in the lower bracket. The Immaculate Conception Club notified John Massimiano, tournament director, that it would be late in arriving. So Massimiano transferred the defending titlists from the third to the fourth game. That means that the New Jersey team will be opposing the Millerton (N.Y.) AA instead of the Concord (N.H.) Senators. The Watertown (N.Y.) Otakie Market, which originally was listed as a fourth-game opponent for Millerton, will move into the third contest against Concord.

So the complete program will go like this:

- 6.15: The GE Tank Shop of Pittsfield vs New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club.
- 7.15: Dalton American Legion vs Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes.
- 8.15: Otakie Market of Watertown, N.Y., vs Concord (N.H.) Senators.
- 9.15: Immaculate Conception of Elizabeth, N.J., vs Millerton (N.Y.) AA.

The GE Tank Shop, unbeaten in City League play but a first-round casualty in the Great Barrington tournament last week, will have to compete without three fine players, Wade Tate, Art Ditmar and Dale Long. All are ineligible, because they are professional basketball players. Marty O'Gara, Dick Powers and Frank Moynihan have been secured as replacements. Also with the club will be the Hayes brothers, Pierce and Bobby, and Emil Fontana.

The New Haven club recently won the Connecticut AAU tournament crown. Its roster includes many former Hillhouse High players.

The Dalton Legion will be a decided underdog in its engagement with the Pawtucket combine. However, Dalton is a big club, and can be expected to provide stern opposition to the clever Rhode Island team. Dalton partisans point out that their team defeated St. Stanislaus AA of Adams by a larger margin than the Hoboes did.

### Calverley's Teammate

The Pawtucket attack is built around Joe Monteiro, who was named the most valuable player in the New England AAU tournament here last week, George Duffy, the energetic captain, and Bob Kaveney, who played freshman basketball at Holy Cross. Duffy and Ernie Calverley, the Rhode Island State College star, were the regular forwards at Pawtucket High seven years ago. Now 25, Duffy is publicity director for the Providence Arena, but he still likes to play basketball.



Joe Monteiro

The Elizabeth team will present the same club which took the title here last April. The only addition is Joe McNamara, who led the amateur scorers of New Jersey this winter. Hugh Sharkey and Al Burke are the mainstays of the team.

The Concord Senators recently won a two-state amateur tournament. Outstanding teams from New Hampshire and Vermont competed. The Otakie Market of Watertown last week and clinched the Adirondack District AAU title in tournament play.

Officials will be Paul Sweeney, Joe Woitkoski and Bill Vickery, all

of Pittsfield, and Jack Bernasconi of Lenox.

George Ditmar Sr. is chairman of the tournament committee. Al Archey is secretary-treasurer. Members include William A. Knoblock, Francis Douglas, David Sweeney, Dorothy McGee, Jackson J. Perry, Fred S. Fahey, John A. Massimiano, Roger O'Gara, John M. Flynn, Dan Healy, Joe Sammon, Edward Coffey, Robert Catman, Warren Bouchaine, Alexander Leslie, and the Misses Vera Gentile, Jane Renzi and Eleanor Duggan.

## Knoblock Heads Winter Sports Group

### Disagreement Arises Over Use of \$2200 Fund 3/14

William A. Knoblock was elected chairman of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee at a meeting Monday in the Park Department offices. He succeeds Francis E. Douglas, chairman for the past two years.

Other officers named for the coming year: Vice-chairman, Alfred S. (Syd) Anderson; secretary, Miss Anna M. Walsh; and treasurer, Miss Rose M. Stomski.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Douglas for his work on winter sports. Besides directing the program, he has accompanied Pittsfield entrants to skating meets with Park Department superintendent Jackson J. Perry, and has helped supervise all local meets.

Much of the evening was spent in a spirited discussion of what should be done with the committee's funds, estimated at about \$2200 net. Mr. Perry suggested that \$1750 of this amount be earmarked for the 1950 North American outdoor skating championships, which may be held in Pittsfield. Other members argued that the committee should not commit itself to sponsoring the meet until it got backing from the Berkshire Hills Conference and the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce.

### Cost Set at \$3000

Superintendent Perry estimated the total cost of the meet would be about \$3000. He said that if \$1750 were set aside, \$750 would be available because the Berkshire Hills speedskating meet would not be held—and that would leave only \$500 to be raised in all.

But another group, spearheaded by James N. Stack and Bartlett Hendricks, argued the \$3000 might be better spent on helping Pittsfield children in general. Among the suggestions offered for use of the money: Skiing and skating lessons, outfitting needy children with winter sports equipment, providing a city ski tow area.

Mr. Stack suggested that property on South Mountain Road be bought by the committee and converted into a ski area for children. He pointed out that school children have no place in the city where they can ski on week days.

Mr. Stack and Mr. Hendricks were finally named to a two-man committee that would request the Chamber of Commerce and the Berkshire Hills Conference for financial backing in putting on the North American skating meet.

## Roche Entertains Golden Agers

The "life of an average young man" was depicted by Maurice J. Roche, local cartoonist, at the Golden Age Club meeting yesterday afternoon at the YMCA.

Mrs. Sarah Plumb Eddy introduced the Golden Age song she composed, and distributed copies to the members. Thomas R. Dumont recited "The Maniac," and Stephen J. Burns entertained with humorous sayings. Rev. Clifford L. Peaslee played the piano for community singing. Max Liebau led a grand march.

Mind-reading stunts will be performed at the next meeting by Mr. Burns and Mr. Dumont. Miss Patricia Crosby, a pupil at the Liebau Dance Studio, will do a waltz clog.

Anyone over 65 who is interested in joining is urged to be at the YMCA any Tuesday afternoon at 2.

## Girls' Team Fund Is \$340 Short Of Its Goal

The campaign for funds for the Professional Drug Store girls' basketball team's traveling expenses to the national AAU tournament at St. Joseph, Mo., reached \$605 this noon. That left \$340 of the \$945 goal to be raised before the 11 players and 2 coaches entrain tomorrow night at 6.30.

Members of the team voted to continue their solicitation this afternoon and evening.

Donations may be left at the Parks and Recreation Department at 52 School Street.

## Girls To Arrive Tomorrow Morning 3/13

Members of the Professional Drug Store girls' basketball team will arrive by train from St. Joseph, Mo., tomorrow morning at 8. After being eliminated in the national AAU tournament Tuesday afternoon, they stayed over 24 hours to see a few games. They left St. Joseph last night at 7.



# Four States To Be Represented in Eastern Both Berkshire County Teams Are Beaten in Opening Round

New Haven, Pawtucket, Watertown  
And Elizabeth Score Wins in Big  
Tournament at the State Armory

By ROGER O'GARA

Four states survived play in the opening round of the second annual Eastern AAU championship basketball tournament in the State Armory last night, but Massachusetts wasn't one of them. Both Berkshire County entries were beaten. The GE Tank Shop of Pittsfield lost to the New Haven (Conn.) Boys' Club 58-56, and the Dalton American Legion bowed to the Pawtucket (R.I.) Hoboes 61-52 in the first two games of the evening before a good-sized audience.

## Middle Atlantic Teams Impress

The Middle Atlantic States sent impressive representatives into the semifinals as the result of clean-cut wins in the last two contests. The Otakie Market of Watertown, N.Y., thumped the Concord (N.H.) Senators 80-34, and the defending champion, Immaculate Conception of Elizabeth, N.J., downed the Millerton (N.Y.) AA 86-63.

In the semifinals at the Armory tonight, New Haven and Pawtucket will meet in the first game at 7.45. Then Elizabeth will go against Watertown, the only entry which used a zone defense last night. Watertown employed a two-three set-up.

The championship contest will be played tomorrow night at 9.15. Present plans call for a consolation game at 7.30 between the two beaten semifinalists.

Play started at 6.25. The last game didn't end until midnight. The marathon aspect of the program was increased when the New Haven club insisted on 10-minute quarters. So all four contests were 40 minutes in length. The committee had planned to speed up the event by cutting the opening night periods to eight minutes.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Boys' Club.

## New Haven 58, Pittsfield 56

Although the fast-breaking New Haven Boys' Club led for 39 of the 40 minutes, the result was in doubt until the final buzzer. After trailing at one stage of the second period by 11 points, the GE Tank Shop rallied to take one-point advantages twice in the waning seconds of the third quarter. But the smaller and younger Connecticut club built up an eight-point margin early in the fourth, and fought off the home team's determined comeback bid.

The Tankers made the last six points. But New Haven played a possession game to eat up much of the final two minutes. Walter Creer's long set, banked basket, which closed the gap to two points, came as the final buzzer sounded.

The Boys' Club prevailed because it was able to cool off Dickie Powers. The thin former St. Joseph's High star was in sensational shooting form in the opening half, but made only one free try in the fourth period. Sixteen of his 23 points came in the opening half.

New Haven held the lead throughout the initial half, despite Powers' sensational shooting. Dick's first five tosses hit, and three were from mid-court.

But New Haven also had a hot point man. He was 19-year-old Leo Barbaro, a year out of New Haven Commercial High School. Barbaro, playing a guard position, tied Powers for scoring honors with 23. His 10th and final basket halfway through the final period hiked the margin to 57-48.

The period scores were 17-16, 37-29 and 51-47. With less than three minutes left, successive baskets by Marty O'Gara and Creer cut the lead to 58-54.

Leonard Weeks, a six-foot, three-inch Negro, was valuable to New Haven off both banks.

many plays. Elwood Cox, a star at Hillhouse High two years ago, had 12 points for the winners. Creer and O'Gara made 13 and 10, respectively for the losers.

## Pawtucket 61, Dalton 52

Manpower didn't mean a thing in this one. Pawtucket's starters came within four minutes of pulling the iron man stunt, and Coach Bob Boyd of Dalton employed two full teams. Yet from early in the third period on, the result was obvious.

The Hoboes' fast break was just too much for Dalton. Time and again, two and three men swept downcourt against a single defender.

Early in the final period, Pawtucket had a 15-point edge at 53-38. But the tiring Rhode Island club was more concerned in the last five minutes with maintaining possession and conserving its energy. Meanwhile, Dalton speeded its attack, and made the final count more respectable.

Pawtucket had only six men in uniform. The only substitution was Mike Papas for George Duffy at forward.

Joe Monteiro, the six-foot, three-inch Portuguese boy, fired five baskets in the first half, and finished as high scorer with 17 points. Pawtucket never was behind. It's first-quarter advantage was 16-9. Late in the second period, Dalton made its sole menacing gesture. It climbed to within three points at 19-22, but Pawtucket started to roll again, and had a 29-23 edge at the half. By the end of the third quarter, the Hoboes' lead had increased to 45-33.

Center Tom Whipple went scoreless in the first half, but he pegged 13 points in the last two quarters. He was his club's sole offensive in the final period, when he made 10 of its 12 points. Guard Ray McCarthy, blossomed out as a scorer. He had 16 points.

Guards Paul Burke and Les Calkins were high for Dalton with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

## Watertown 80, Concord 34

Height and speed wrote the result of the third game as early as the middle of the second period. Watertown's two young giants, Carl Rima and Bernard (Bud) Broadbent, both six feet, six inches, controlled the banks, and the Adirondack District AAU champions soon were on their way to a smashing victory. A 17-point chain in the third period was the final crusher for Concord.

Watertown started slowly, and Concord held a 12-11 edge at the end of the first period. But possession began to count in the second, and the New York State club jumped to a 29-21 half-time lead.

Fred Dyer's set shooting sent Watertown to the fore. The little guard pegged four baskets in the second period. Then Paul O'Driscoll, a starting forward, who hadn't scored in the first half, became torrid, and ripped off 13 points in the third period. Most of his baskets came on lay-ups, as Watertown ran away from the Concord man-for-man defense. He finished with 23 points.

From 36-26 early in the third period, Watertown ran the count to 53-26 in little more than five minutes. The score at the close of the quarter was 53-29. And Watertown hit its peak with a 27-point last quarter.

Broadbent was runner-up in the Watertown point column with 16. Ray Camelli was high for Concord with 13.

The Concord players said they competed without four men, who supposedly left Concord by car just behind their mates. They never arrived. Two were regulars. The quartet apparently was as lost as the Concord team in the second half.

## Elizabeth 86, Millerton 63

The smooth Elizabeth team became the odds-on favorite to win the crown again. In annihilating what was rated as a creditable Millerton entry, the New Jersey sharpshooters looked even better than they did in the 1948 event.

Millerton was ahead 4-1 after a minute and a half of play, but Immaculate Conception roared to the front with a passing and shooting display that couldn't be denied. By the end of the first quarter, its advantage had risen to 21-9. The Jersey club continued to assert its superiority by widening the gap to

## Tonight

43-24 at the half. The third-quarter count was 59-36.

Joe McNamara, who wasn't with the club last season, had 21 points. He opened with a bang by making 11 in the first half. Little Eddie Fox, a great all-around performer last year, threw 12 points in the opening half, and went on to become high man of the night with 26 points.

Immaculate Conception has four holdovers from last year's championship squad. They are Fox, Hugh Sharkey, the very capable floorworker, Al Burke and John Lynch.

Ray Bullymont was high for Millerton with 14.

The scores:

New Haven BO	GE Tank Shop
B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Petracessa, lf 4 1 9	Quirk, rg 0 1 1
Ruggiero, lf 0 1 1	Bus Hayes, rg 0 0 0
Cox, rf 6 0 12	Moynihan, lf 1 0 2
Weeks, c 2 1 5	Creer, lf 5 3 13
Amendolo, lf 1 1 3	O'Gara, c 5 0 10
Sutnik, lf 2 1 5	Bolster, rf 1 1 3
Barbaro, rg 10 3 23	Quadrozzi, rf 2 0 4
	Powers, lf 11 1 23
25 8 58	25 6 56

Referees, Joe Woltkoski of Pittsfield and Jack Bernasconi of Lenox. Time, 10-minute quarters.

Pawtucket Hoboes	Dalton Legion
B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Kaveney, lf 3 4 10	Burke, rg 4 4 12
Duffy, rf 2 1 5	Baker, rg 1 0 2
Papas, rf 0 0 0	L. Calkins, rg 3 5 11
Whipple, c 4 5 13	Brisson, lf 2 0 4
Monteiro, lf 8 1 17	Stafford, c 2 2 6
McCarthy, rg 7 2 16	Calabrese, c 0 0 0
	Snyder, rf 3 1 7
	Donnan, rf 1 0 2
	E. Calkins, lf 2 0 4
	Zink, lf 1 2 4
24 13 61	19 14 52

Referees, Paul Sweeney and Bill Vickery, both of Pittsfield. Time, 10-minute quarters.

Watertown Otakies	Concord Senators
B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Nelson, lf 1 2 4	Clarke, rg 2 1 5
Wilson, lf 3 0 6	Tenney, rg 0 0 0
O'Driscoll, rf 11 1 23	Camelli, lf 6 1 13
DeLosh, rf 2 1 5	Burke, lf 0 0 0
Rima, c 4 3 11	Farr, c 1 0 2
Broadbent, lf 7 2 16	Flanders, c 0 0 0
Carpenter, lf 1 0 2	Kirby, rf 6 0 12
Dyer, rg 6 1 13	Welsh, lf 0 1 1
Hodge, rg 0 0 0	Clarke, lf 0 1 1
35 10 80	15 4 34

Referees, Woltkoski and Bernasconi. Time, 10-minute quarters.

Elizabeth	Millerton
B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Lynch, lf 5 1 11	Watkins, rg 5 1 11
Burke, lf 5 0 10	T. Finn, lf 0 1 1
Fox, rf 11 4 26	Canevari, lf 2 0 4
Brokaw, rf 5 0 10	Schultz, lf 4 2 10
Sharkey, c 2 0 4	Gilbert, c 2 4 8
McNamara, lf 9 3 21	Bullymont, rf 5 4 14
Dugan, lf 0 0 0	B. Finn, lf 5 1 11
Davies, rg 2 0 4	Fenn, lf 2 0 4
39 8 86	25 13 63

Referees, Sweeney and Vickery. Time, 10-minute quarters.

## Two Good Games Promised

The New Haven Boys' Club will play the Pawtucket Hoboes and Watertown (N.Y.) Otakies will go against the Immaculate Conception team of Elizabeth, N.J., in the semifinals of the second annual Eastern States AAU Basketball Tournament at the Armory tonight. The first contest will start at 7.45.

The GE Tank Shop of this city lost to the New Haven Boys' Club 58-56 in the most interesting battle on last night's card.

The Pawtucket Hoboes beat Dalton Legion 61-52. Watertown won over Concord (N.H.) Senators 80-34 and Immaculate Conception, the defending champions, defeated Millerton, N. Y., 86-63.

Two are company and three games make a crowd on a basketball card but four tilts the same night constitute a nightmare. Play last evening started at 6.25 and did not end until about midnight. The tourney management desired to have eight-minute quarters but the teams insisted on 10-minute periods. Time was important in only one game, the New Haven Boys' Club-GE Tank Shop tilt. In the other contests the winner would have been the same clubs whether six, eight or ten-minute quarters were played.

Tomorrow night the finals will take place, also a consolation contest between the teams defeated tonight.

## Sunshine Baskets To Be Distributed

Sunshine baskets are being prepared by the Bobby Kidney sunshine committee for distribution to members next month under the supervision of Miss Betty Porter. Assisting her are Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department, Mrs. William W. Monks, Robert G. Stafford, Raymond A. Ducharme and Martin Hebert.

A sale of handcraft articles made by the shut-ins will be held the first week in May at Newberry's on North Street. And 500 copies of the club's paper will be run off this week. The next meeting of the club will be April 6.





**BELLOWS FALLS SQUAWS:** New Hampshire basketball team who will compete in the New England women's AAU tourney which will open at the Girls' League tomorrow night and continue through Sunday. The team competed in the national girls' tourney at Missouri last year. Front row, left to right: Dorothy Jones, Dorothy Gautas, Mary Haggins, Eleanor MacKee, Evangeline Dexter, Mary Crotty, Virginia Ranta; back row, left to right: Katherine Hennessey, Eleanor R. Haggins, Barbara Stutery, Anne M. Kiniry, Mary Porter, Mary McGinnis, and Shirley Willard. 3/1/49

## Cake Awarded To Golden Ager

Mrs. Mary Munch of 154 Elizabeth Street was given a cake at the Golden Age Club's weekly meeting Tuesday afternoon in the YMCA through the courtesy of the Joanne Bakery. The bakery will donate a cake every Tuesday for the Golden Ager celebrating a birthday nearest that day.

The 90 who attended were entertained by: Miss Patricia Crosby, a pupil of the Liebau Dance Studio who did a waltz clog; Herman C. Vogel with a clarinet solo, while Thomas F. Dumont sang an Irish song and ended up presenting a bunch of real shamrocks to the president, Dr. Charles L. Crowley. Stephen J. Burns gave a humorous talk and Magnus Lovgren made a short speech about the good times the Golden Agers have at their meetings. Refreshments were served and a dancing session was held.

Anyone 65 years or older may attend the Tuesday afternoon meetings at 2, free of charge. The meetings are co-sponsored by the College Club and Parks and Recreation Department.

## Art Longsjo Stars as Locals, Finish Second at Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Seventeen-year-old Art Longsjo stamped himself as one of the best young skaters in the United States here the past week end as he led the Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speed-Skating Club to second place in the 16-team Lake Placid indoor meet. Longsjo copped three first places, and easily took the intermediate boys' divisional title. The Bay State Club of Boston won the team championship with 340 points. Pittsfield had 270.

Longsjo's greatest feat was in winning the one-mile Saturday night. He finished in three minutes and six seconds, and that was eight and three-tenths seconds faster than the time compiled by the senior men's winner for the same distance, Al Broadhurst of Boston.

Immediately after the meet, Longsjo and Alex Goguen, Pittsfield's only senior men's entry, were chosen to represent the Northern New York Skating Association in the North American and indoor championship meet at Colorado Springs, Col., April 22 and 23.

Eleanor Wesley was the second leading scorer for Pittsfield. She tied with Jean Ashworth of Wil-

mington, Mass., for the midget girls' title. Ten-year-old Eleanor won the 440-yard dash, was second in the 220, and third in the one-sixth of a mile.

Angie Del Signori and Nancy Ann Viner, both of Pittsfield, were deadlocked for second in the juvenile girls' class. The winner was Elaine Smith of Lake Placid. Nancy Ann was far ahead in the one-sixth of a mile Saturday afternoon, but suffered a bad spill on the final turn.

Goguen was third in both the two mile and the three mile. He also received a lap prize in the three mile. He led the pack for 20 times around the track.

Bette Jane Goerlach was another important point contributor for Pittsfield. She was second in the midget girls' 440 and second in the one-sixth of a mile.

Robert Dunn of Pittsfield was third in the midget boys' 440.

The Brooklyn Ice Palace was third in the team standing with 220, Lake Placid fourth with 180.

Eleven Pittsfield skaters will compete in an indoor meet at the Brooklyn Ice Palace Sunday night.

## Third Session 3/4 For Square Setters Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Women's Club the third in a series of six square dance instruction periods will be held under the joint sponsorship of the Women's Club, the 4-H Extension Service and the Parks and Recreation Department. Robert M. Hall, 4-H Club agent, is in charge.

Square-dance instructions also are given at the regular Saturday night dances at the Masonic Temple by the city-wide school dance committee of the Parks and Recreation Department. The half-hour instruction period precedes the dance which is at 8.30.

About 40 potential dancers were present at last Saturday's instruction conducted by Orville (Pop) Smith whose orchestra plays for dancing. The dance, which was about 80 people short of making it a paying proposition, had a large number of Golden Agers as guests. The committee is planning to conduct the dances for an extended period, possibly through the summer, if interest warrants it. About 250 are needed to make each dance a success.

## It All Helps 3/15/49

Members of the Professional Drug Store girls' basketball team, which plans to leave Thursday for the national AAU tournament at St. Joseph, Mo., today were hoping that there is some truth to the old adage about great oaks building from little acorns.

The first contribution to their drive for \$600 for trip expenses came early this morning. A six-year-old boy called on guard Jane Renzi, cashier of the Grand Union Store, on North Street. He bashfully handed her 17 cents, said he had saved the amount for "your team," and departed before she could ask his name.

## Pro Drug Girls Win 39-26 Over Hudson Stars 3/15/49

HUDSON, N.Y.—The Professional Drug Store, New England AAU girls' basketball champion, defeated the Hudson City League All-Stars 39-26 here last night. Vera Gentile led the winners with 13 points.

Another Hudson all-star combination beat the Pittsfield Basketeers 24-17 in the preliminary. Virginia Ditmar was high for the visitors with nine points.



# New England Girls' Tournament Opens

## Four States Are Represented In Third Annual AAU Event

**Dalton To Meet Cranston in Opener  
At 5.30—Pro Drug To Play at 8—  
Liberalized Rules To Be Used**

Entries from four states will start play tonight in the Girls' League gymnasium in the third annual New England AAU girls' championship basketball tournament. The field includes four Massachusetts teams, two from Vermont and one each from New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

### Second Game at 7

The four-game program will start at 5.30, when the Dalton Community House will oppose the St. Paul club of Cranston, R.I. After that, a short intermission will be declared for formal opening ceremonies.

Play will be resumed at 7, with the Sprague Electric Company of North Adams meeting the Bellows Falls (Vt.) Squaws. The defending champions of Professional Drug of Pittsfield will oppose the Montague Rod & Reel Company in the third contest at 8. The finale at 9 will be between the Woodsville (N.H.) AC and the St. Albans (Vt.) Rockets.

Semifinal round contests will be played tomorrow night at 7.30 and 8.30. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

All of the entries have proven their right to compete by making good showings in sectional tournaments. Professional Drug, last week w on the Western Massachusetts meet at North Adams. Runner-up in that event was the Sprague Electric Company. It bowed in the finals 14-13.

The Dalton Community House actually is the Dalton High team. A year ago, it won the Western Massachusetts tournament title, but was beaten in the New England finals by the Pittsfield combine. The Montague club is rated the best in Franklin County. The Cranston, Woodsville, Bellows Falls and St. Albans aggregations all have excellent season records.

The winner of the tournament will have the right to represent New England in the national competition. Professional Drug last year made the trip to this big carnival at St. Joseph, Mo., but dropped its first two games. Bellows Falls also was in that tournament.

National AAU women's rules will

be played. They are different from the regular half-court regulations common in girls' games in this area. Each team is allowed a roving forward and a roving guard. After each goal, the ball is put in play under the basket, instead of being returned to the center. This makes for a much faster game.

Officials will be the Misses Leah Mitchell and Mary Kirby of Pittsfield and Dorothy Glendon of Dalton.

The tournament committee includes the Misses Vera Gentile, Barbara Passmore, Dorothy McGee, Velma Merletto, Jane Renzi, Margaret Degere, Lillian Belair, Mary Stavaski, Virginia Ditmar, Margaret Kirby, Nina Homich and Elinor Duggan.

## Deadline Nears For Two Positions On Playgrounds

April 1 is the deadline for filing applications for the two paid positions of playground director and leader in the spring playground program beginning May 9. The program is sponsored by the Junior League and will be conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department, where applications should be left.

Within three weeks, a steering committee will hold interviews to fill the positions, and after Easter four training sessions will be given to familiarize Junior League volunteers with the work to be done. Mrs. Everett H. Watson is chairman of the project.

Minimum age of the director is 23, for pay of \$1.50 an hour, while the leader must be at least 19 for a pay of \$1 an hour. The director must be a man. Further qualifications must be obtained at the Park Department. Playground supervision will be from 3 in the afternoon to dusk Mondays through Fridays, and Saturdays from 9.30 to noon, with a Saturday afternoon program if interest warrants it. Volunteers will be on hand in the afternoon.

## Girls' Team Leaves For Missouri

The Professional Drug Store girls' basketball team left last night at 6.30 by train for St. Joseph's Mo., where the national AAU tournament will start Sunday. A good-sized delegation of fans was present at Union Station to wish the girls good luck.

The party included 11 players and 2 coaches, Francis Reddy and Thomas Kirby.

## Tonight in

## Girls' League Gym

## City Budget Cut \$54,000 By Council

### Deepest Gash Sustained by <sup>3/23</sup> Public Works Unit

Some \$54,000 was stripped from Mayor Capeless' record-breaking 1949 budget last night as the City Council hacked and slashed its way through his \$5,039,000 estimates in the last of a series of informal budgetary sessions at City Hall.

### Planning Hit Hard, Too

Major victim of the Council's pruning-bee was the Department of Public Works budget, which was pared to the tune of \$30,185. Second biggest target was the Planning Board, which sustained a 40 per cent cut from \$9500 to \$5700.

Last night's session virtually wound up the Council's budgetary business for the year. At the group's regular semimonthly meeting tonight, the budget will be put to a formal vote, but unless there are some overnight changes of heart it will be approved as it now stands.

The \$54,000 cut, which represents a little more than one per cent of the mayor's proposed appropriations, was considerably less than the figure that economy-minded councilmen had hoped to settle for. On the basis of the city's present total assessed valuation last night's work clipped only about 75 cents from the 1949 tax rate.

In some respects the session was less notable for what it took out of the budget than for what it left in.

A \$24,200 capital outlay appropriation for new lighting at the municipal airport remained intact, although the Council had given every indication at earlier sessions that this item would go under the knife.

### New Fire Station Saved

Also salvaged was a \$63,000 capital appropriation for a new fire station on West Housatonic Street, which came in for plenty of heavy fire before being put to a vote.

A much smaller item that successfully withstood the storm was a \$2000 appropriation for an assistant inspector of wires to relieve Ezra J. Cushing, who now holds down the busy post unaided. This sum was in the mayor's 1947 budget but was given the axe after protracted debate.

As priority target at last night's session, the Department of Public Works sustained 23 cuts ranging from \$110 to \$6220. Most of these were taken from Commissioner Sloper's estimates for emergency overtime, although there were also substantial cuts in snow removal and water works maintenance.

The Planning Board's requests were whittled down all along the line. A \$1000 appropriation to pay Philip C. Ahern's salary as executive secretary was cut to \$250; the research bill for a master plan of Pittsfield's development went from \$5500 to \$3700, and a zoning study appropriation from \$2500 to \$1500. Even the printing and advertising bill was halved.

Other departmental cuts included: Public buildings, \$9025; health, \$2600; police, \$1850; fire and police signals, \$1600; and fire, \$1560. Appropriations for out-of-state travel, \$100 in most cases, were uniformly eliminated wherever they occurred.

### Parks Weather Storm

One of last night's surprises was the hardiness of the Park Department's budget, which weathered a determined assault from Councilman George A. Funnell. Only \$1350 was clipped from Superintendent Jackson J. Perry's requests, although he had been expected to emerge as one of the evening's major casualties.

Welfare Commissioner Charles H. Hodecker's budget, third biggest before the Council this year, also emerged virtually unscathed. The only cut was a \$100 travel item.

Other budgets that were passed as presented included those of the mayor, city clerk, city solicitor, auditor, building inspector, plumbing inspector, and inspector of weights and measures. The Athenaeum's request for \$36,160 was trimmed to \$83,000 early in the meeting, but this was restored

## Pro Drug Girls Are Beaten 37-19 At St. Joseph <sup>3/23</sup>

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—The Professional Drug Store team of Pittsfield, Mass., New England's standard bearer in the National AAU women's basketball tournament, was defeated by the St. Joseph Goetz Club 37-19 in an opening round contest here last night.

Margaret Kirby, veteran forward, led the Pittsfield club with 11 points.

The Pro Drug combine will play another game this morning. The tournament is a double-elimination affair.

The Massachusetts team competed without the services of its able forward, Vera Gentile. Miss Gentile became ill when she arrived in Chicago with her teammates last Friday, and took a return train to Pittsfield.



# Two Vermont Teams, Pittsfield and Dalton

## Semifinals Will Be Played Tonight and Finals Tomorrow

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**Pro Drug Girls Beat Montague, Dalton Wins Over St. Paul's, Bellows Falls Tops Sprague Electric and St. Albans Downs Woodville**

With two clubs from Berkshire County and a pair of teams from Vermont advancing into the semifinals, the New England AAU women's championship tourney got off to a successful start last night at the Girls' League gymnasium. The Dalton Community Club is slated to meet the Bellows Falls (Vt.) Squaws tonight at 7.30. Professional Drug of Pittsfield, the defending champion, will clash with the St. Albans (Vt.) Rockets in the second game, listed for 8.30. The championship tilt will be contested tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

### Dalton Takes Opener

The Dalton team overwhelmed St. Paul's of Cranston, R. I. 28-9; the Squaws defeated the Sprague Electric Lassies of North Adams, 27-20; Professional Drug trounced the Montague Rod and Reel of Greenfield, 67-29; and the Rockets downed the Woodville, N.H. Athletic Club, 46-32.

Suitable ceremonies were held to open the affair. Dan Healy of WBRK introduced each team as it took the floor and gave its record for the year. Jackson Perry, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation, the sponsoring organization, welcomed the out-of-town guests and gave a short history of the tournament.

### Dalton Beats St. Paul's

Coach Dot Glendon's well-coordinated offensive ran up a 13-point streak before the Rhode Island club finally tallied on a foul conversion midway of the second quarter, and that was enough. The Papertown lassies' give, go, and get system was simply too much for the St. Paul club. The count at half time was 15-2. Irene Provost topped the winners with 11 markers on four floor goals and three charity shots. Doris Halverson was outstanding on defense for the winners.

### Squaws Defeat Sprague

The Squaws made potent medicine to turn back the North Adams combination in the second contest. The victors built up an early margin and led at the close of the third quarter, 19-13. The Vermont club withstood a strong fourth-period rally, led by Visky Wisniowski, Sprague forward, and put on a driving finish of its own to win going away. Dorothy Jones and Mary Haggins, with 13 and 10 points, respectively, topped the winners' scoring column. Eleanor McKee, center forward, fed several scoring passes. Miss Wisniowski led Sprague with 10 counters.

### Pro Drug Trounces Montague

Professional Drug compounded a winning prescription of well-timed passing, and accurate shooting from inside in eliminating Montague. The defending titlists had things their own way and led at half 35-14. Peg Kirby was high for the winners with 18 points and nine floor goals. Adele Samin led Montague with 11 counters.

### Rockets Win Easily

Paced by their star forward, Margaret (Sister) Dixon, the Rockets started off like planes similarly propelled. After sustaining a surging comeback by the determined New Hampshire lassies early in the third period the Rockets added a 15-point cluster of their own and won as they pleased. Although it is not considered genteel in some circles to mention a lady's physical specifications it is only fair to record that Sister Dixon stands six feet three inches in height. Miss Dixon holds the scoring record for high school girls in Vermont, established during a three-year career ending in 1947, and intimated it was no fluke by pouring 26 points into the net.

The scores:

Dalton CC				St. Paul's			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Provost, rf	4	3	11	Cannon, cf	0	1	1
Dunbar, rf	1	0	2	Lebevere, cf	0	0	0
Carly, lf	5	0	10	Prior, lf	0	0	0
Stewart, lf	0	0	0	Webster, rf	0	1	1
Jenks, cf	2	0	4	Fickinger, cf	3	0	6
Tucker, cf	0	0	0	Turgeon, cf	0	0	0
Halvorson, rf	0	0	0	Keefe, lf	0	0	0
Morrison, rf	0	0	0	Chenolt, lf	0	0	0
Adams, lf	0	0	0	N.Kingsley, rf	0	1	1
Callahan, lf	0	0	0	M.Kingsley, rf	0	0	0
Howe, cf	0	0	0				
Brophy, cf	0	0	0				
	12	4	28		3	3	9

Referees, Leah Mitchell and Mary Kirby.

Bellows Falls, Vt.				Sprague Electric			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
M.Haggins, lf	3	4	10	Miranti, rf	0	0	0
Jones, rf	4	5	13	Darling, rf	0	0	0
MacKee, cf	1	0	2	Wittig, lf	0	0	1
Dexter, lf	0	1	1	Roy, lf	0	0	0
Grotty, rf	0	1	1	Green, cf	0	0	0
E.Haggins, cf	0	0	0	Demolini, cf	0	0	0
				Trombley, cf	1	0	2
				Wisnowski, rf	4	2	10
				Baliakos, lf	3	1	7
	8	11	27		8	4	20

Referees, Dorothy Glendon and Mary Kirby.

Professional Drug				Montague			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Gentile, rf	3	0	6	Winski, rf	2	0	4
L.Zach'ski, rf	5	0	10	Pupek, rf	0	0	0
Stavaski, lf	4	0	8	Prasol, lf	1	0	2
L.Zach'ski, lf	2	1	5	Waldron, lf	0	0	0
Kirby, cf	9	0	18	Kurtzka, cf	0	0	0
Fitch, cf	7	0	14	Bonnette, cf	5	0	10
Belair, cf	0	0	0	Wisneski, lf	1	0	2
Hornich, lf	1	0	2	Liston, lf	0	0	0
Renzi, lf	1	0	2	Samir, rf	5	1	11
DeGere, rf	1	0	2				
Massery, rf	0	0	0				
	33	1	67		14	1	29

Referees, Dorothy Glendon and Leah Mitchell.

St. Albans, Vt.				Woodville, (N.H.) AC			
	B.	F.	P.		B.	F.	P.
Lawton, rf	4	1	9	Hall, lf	0	0	0
Kelley, rf	0	0	0	E.Lackie, lf	0	0	1
Marvin, lf	2	0	4	Farnham, rf	1	0	2
Brooks, lf	1	0	2	J. Lackie, cf	0	0	0
Dixon, cf	11	4	26	Hall, cf	0	0	0
Hoy, rf	0	2	2	Litz, lf	7	0	14
Briggs, rf	1	0	2	Kidder, lf	1	1	3
Wells, lf	0	0	0	Sawyer, rf	2	0	4
Pudrah, lf	0	0	0	Cummings, rf	3	0	6
Chevalier, cf	0	1	1	Mayer, cf	1	0	2
	19	8	46		15	2	32

Referees, Dorothy Glendon and Mary Kirby.

## Win Opening Tourney

## Games

## \$2250 Balance Left for Winter Sports

### Most of Money Came From Snow Queen Contest

Thanks to the annual snow queen contest, the winter sports committee ended up its season with a bank account of \$2250.23.

A five-page financial report of the committee's activities has been run off by the Park Department and copies were issued to the committeemen and park commissioners. A limited number of copies may be had by calling at the Park Department offices on School Street.

How important the queen contest was to winter sports can be seen by the index listing 16 events. The only other profits were: \$117.01, John Jay show; \$104.67, winter carnival ball; \$94.46, winter sports equipment sale; and \$21.21, winter sports movies.

That means all but \$336.35 of the \$4096.51 profit came from the 25-cent buttons the queens sold. Their total sales came to \$5009.85, while expenses were kept down to \$1250.69. Superintendent Jackson J. Perry of the Park Department said, "The credit goes to Russell D. Bousquet and Miss Rose M. Stomski, chairmen of the queen contest, Francis E. Douglas, chairman of the winter sports committee, and the volunteer committees who gave so much time and effort. And don't forget the people who bought buttons, and excellent publicity by both radio stations and The Eagle."

Biggest expense the queens had

was \$713.72 for buttons which cost almost \$30 a thousand. They bought 20,000 buttons, sold 20,039, and still have 2000 buttons on hand. No, that's not poor mathematics. Many people made contributions and didn't take buttons. The surplus buttons won't be wasted. They'll be used for handicraft classes this summer to make novelties.

Two banquets cost the queen committee \$74.25 and portraits came to \$100. Second largest expense was \$343.75 for prizes and gift certificates to the winners.

Highest cost for non-paying ventures the button-money supported was participation of local athletes in national meets. The committee handed over \$300 to send Verne Goodwin to Reno, Nev., and \$165 for Alex Goguen, Arthur Longsjö and Miss Barbara Mooney to skate at the nationals in St. Paul, Minn.

Free printed carnival programs ran a deficit of \$191. They cost \$331 to produce, but advertising almost halved that figure. Under general expenses, the Community Chest, posters and pictures ran a bill of \$167.25, and the national ski meet was \$159.41. The figure-skating exhibition that was knocked out by weather after the skaters had arrived in Pittsfield tacked another \$138.27 to the bill. All other events cost less than \$100.

A tentative plan is being investigated for use of the remaining funds. Bartlett Hendricks and James N. Stack have been appointed a two-man committee to request the Berkshire Hills Conference for financial backing in putting on the 1950 North American speed skating championships. Mr. Perry estimates it would cost about \$3000. If the committee transferred \$1750 of the committee's surplus to the North Americans, \$750 would be available from the Berkshire Hills speedskating meet which would be canceled, and only \$500 would be needed to meet the cost.



# OFF TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



Members of the Professional Drug Girls' Basketball Team are shown at the Pittsfield Station just before they left for St. Joseph, Missouri. As winners of the New England A. A. U. Tournament, the girls represented the New England area. Members of the team pictured with coaches Thomas Kirby and Francis Reddy, are Peg Kirby, Vera Gentile, Irene Zajchowski, Jane Renzi, Norma Fitch, Lillian Belair, Marie Massery, Ilene Zajchowski, Mary Stavaski, Nina Homich, and Peg Degere. The girls were defeated in the elimination games.



## Pittsfield Skaters Second In Eastern States Meet

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The Pittsfield (Mass.) Parks Speedskating Club finished second to the host Brooklyn Ice Palace representatives here last night in the Eastern States championship indoor meet. Brooklyn led the 14-team field with 170 points. Pittsfield had 150 points, and the Bay State Club of Boston and the Queens Brook Club of New York were deadlocked for third with 140 points.

Pittsfield's only divisional champion was Art Longsjo, who took honors in the intermediate boys' division. Longsjo was tied for first at the conclusion of the regulation program, and easily defeated Jack Dooley of Paterson, N.J., in the one-half mile skateoff for the trophy. Longsjo won the one mile and was disqualified in the half-mile.

Bobby Jahn of Brooklyn was the senior men's titlist with 90 points. Alex Goguen of Pittsfield finished second in this class with 50 on seconds in the 850 and the three-quarter mile and a third in the one mile.

Eleanor Wesley of Pittsfield was second in the midget girls' 220, the only contest in that class. Her teammate, Bette Jane Goerlach, was third. Bobby Dunn of Pittsfield was second in the midget boys' 220 and third in the 330.

Angie Del Signore and Marcia Gerlach, were third and fourth, respectively, for Pittsfield in the juvenile girls' 330.



**HIBBARD'S EASTER OUTFITS:** Mrs. George H. Pleau cuts along a pattern while Mrs. John J. DiOrio instructs her, at the Hibbard Community Center's sewing class which meets Thursday nights from 8.30 to 10. Around the table from the left are Mrs. Ilario L. Menin, Mrs. Raymond J. Hover and Mrs. Eugene M. Alessio. About 35 women have registered for the classes, six of them serving as volunteer instructors. Some have completed their summer dresses, but most are busy on Easter items for their children. The center is handled by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities at the Parks and Recreation Department.



## Park Group Lists Plans For Baseball

### First Meeting Is Scheduled for Tomorrow Night

The Department of Parks and Recreation announced today that organizational meetings of the department's three baseball leagues will begin this week.

The first meeting of the junior city-wide baseball committee will be tomorrow evening at 7.30 at the department offices at 52 School Street. All members are asked to be present as the new constitution will be drawn up, and plans for raising money to send the Junior City League champion to the All-America tournament at Johnstown, Pa., will be discussed.

Members of the committee are Harry Smith, Francis Douglas, William Knoblock, Clem Farrell, Arthur Fox, James McNeice, John Kulis, Lawrence Bossidy, John M. Flynn, Roger O'Gara, Dan Healy, Joseph Sammon, Louis Sibbio, Ray Goodrich and Pat Cioffi. New members of the committee are Paul Sweeney, Teddy Hebler and Robert Brennan.

The Flea City League will hold its first meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4.30 at the department office. All boys interested in entering team should attend. The age limit has been raised one year. All boys who have not reached their 13th birthday prior to June 1 are eligible to compete. Ten teams were entered last year, and by raising the age limit, that many are expected for 1949.

The age limit in the Midget City League also has been raised one year. All boys who have not reached their 16th birthday prior to June 1, are eligible to compete. This league will hold its first meeting Wednesday evening at 6.45.

Junior City League will hold its first organizational meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. All boys interested in entering a team should be present. Plans for the 1949 season will be discussed. Boys who have not reached their 19th birthday prior to June 1 are eligible.

Plans for several baseball schools are now being made.

Any men or older boys who are interested in officiating in any of these leagues are requested to communicate with John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the department.

## Shut-In Helped By Co-operation

Three organizations co-operated over the week end to make a local shut-in comfortable. Robert G. Stafford, president of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, used Red Cross transportation to bring the Veterans of Foreign Wars wheelchair to Ovila Arseneau of 192 Dalton Avenue. The chair which is offered free to anyone in Pittsfield needing it, was purchased through the cooking-extracts sale the VFW conducted recently.

Mr. Stafford said the club registered its youngest member over the week end. She is 3½-year-old Judith Graham of 29 Stratford Avenue. The club now numbers more than 60, he added.

## Square Dance Tonight

The fifth regular Saturday night square dance in the Masonic Temple will be tonight from 8.30 to 12 with Orville (Pop) Smith's orchestra playing. A half-hour of instruction in square dancing will be given from 8 to 8.30, free of charge.

## Park Department Offers 51 Jobs On Playgrounds

Playground and swimming committees to select staff members for those functions will be selected within 10 days to interview applicants for the 51 supervisory jobs now open. Following precedent, the names of the committees will not be announced until after they complete their interviews and pass their recommendations to the Park Commissioners.

Only one applicant, William J. Troy, has filed for the job of director in the spring playground program. Applications are still being received for two positions which call for one man and one woman, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said.

Thirty-four summer playground positions are open, 15 for men, 15 for women, and one each for music and dance, arts and craft, archery and radio and playground newspapers. Fifteen jobs are open in swimming, including a supervisor of aquatics, beachmaster at Pontotusuc, instructor of swimming for all areas, five male lifeguards at Pontotusuc and three females for the wading pools, and two full and two part-time attendants for the City Beach bath house.

Additional information and application blanks are available at the Park Department offices on School Street.

## Easter Issue Of Springside News Distributed

About 100 copies of the Easter issue of the Springside News, Junior Country Club publication, were sold at last night's regular dance in the Springside House. Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, said the profits will go into the club fund. Special features were movies and a popcorn roast.

The five-page publication has an Easter bunny carrying a basket on a green cover. In the lead sheet, the editor, Henry R. Gallison, announced that the group may present a play this spring along with such entertainment as hot dog roasts. Another page features automobile safety with a parody of "Ten Little Indians" arranged by Robert Weckman. The final page is devoted to gossip gathered by Bernard Sturgeon and Ronnie Dean.

## Park Department Now Has Two (2) Telephone Lines

Anyone who has tried to get the Park Department during rush hours will be glad to hear that office now has two telephone lines with a push-button control for inter-office calls. The new numbers are 6486 and 6487. That is a far cry from the summer of 1947 when the department was sans telephone for several days. The department ran out of money and Mayor Fallon refused to sanction a transfer of funds. There are still four telephones as in the past, but the extra line and button-control system should speed up calls appreciably, Jackson J. Perry, superintendent, said.

## Vera Gentile To Marry Soon

### Park Department Secretary To Wed Saturday, April 23

Mrs. Louise F. Gentile of 34 Craigie Avenue today announced the engagement and approaching



Miss Vera M. Gentile

marriage of her daughter, Vera M. Gentile, to George N. Halpin, aerographer, third class, U.S. Navy, of Telluride, Col. The wedding will take place Saturday, April 23.

Miss Gentile, a graduate of Pittsfield High School, is secretary in the Park and Recreation Department office. She is a member of the Professional Drug girls' basketball team, New England AAU champions.

Mr. Halpin graduated from Telluride High School. He has been in the Navy three years, and now is stationed at the weather central at Norfolk, Va.

## Scout Circus To Be May 28 At Wahconah

### Will Replace Gym-o-ree Held In State Armory

Wahconah Park will be the site of a Boy Scout circus May 28 as the result of a permit given last night by the park commissioners. The circus, to be held on the baseball field, will replace the annual Scout gym-o-ree held every spring in the Armory.

The commissioners also will ask three cuts be replaced in the Park Department budget. One is for a park policeman. A rash of petty vandalism has broken out because the youngsters know there are no police to stop them. They also want money for drafting and engineering plans for improvement of Springside Park's wading pool, and for improving rest rooms at Wahconah Park.

The resignation of the Park Department's secretary, Miss Vera M. Gentile, effective April 15, to be married April 23, was accepted. The commissioners clarified their stand on the use of Wahconah Park for the firemen's muster. Contrary to some opinion, the commissioners said they never refused to let the firemen use the park. The firemen themselves withdrew their application.

## League Picks Naughton as New President

### Three '48 Officers Are Selected As Vice-Presidents

R. Lawrence Naughton, veteran Pittsfield Police Department detective and one-time semipro athlete, last night was chosen president of the City Baseball League. He succeeds Albert W. (Bert) Cheevers.

Mr. Cheevers, secretary Lawrence Jacobs and treasurer Mar-



R. Lawrence Naughton

cel Peltier all declined re-election. So the managers, meeting at the Polish Community Club, designated all three as advisory vice-presidents. William S. Fraser was re-elected as active vice-president.

No choice was made of a secretary-treasurer. It was decided to merge the two offices a week ago.

Mr. Naughton was an outstanding athlete 40 years ago. His son, Larry Jr., was a three-letterman at Pittsfield High in the early 1940s.

The league probably will have six teams this season. Listed as likely starters are the FMTA, the Tyler Aces, the Comet Jewelers, the Majestic Restaurant, Pete's Motors and Simpson's Package Store.

The league will meet Monday night at 7.30 at the Polish Community Club.

## Four Teams Ready in Flea League

Four teams were represented yesterday afternoon at the Parks and Recreation Department office at the first organization meeting of the Flea City Baseball League. They were the Clapp Braves, the Wahconah All-Stars, the Elm Aces and the Rainbow Cafe.

John Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, said he hopes to have eight teams in the fold when the season starts in the first week of May.

Two other leagues are slated for formation tonight at the department's office. The Midget City will meet at 6.30, the Junior City at 7.30.

Umpires will be needed for all three leagues. Applications should be filed at the department's office.



## Days of Chivalry Aren't Over for Golden Agers

Chivalry is still very much alive in Pittsfield, it was proved yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Golden Agers in the YMCA.

Two people were eligible for the birthday cake given weekly by Joanne Bakers for the Golden Ager having the birthday nearest that date. But 80-year-old Thomas F. Hoult of 45 Upland Road withdrew his claim in favor of 71-year-old Mrs. Oscar M. Street of 968 Holmes Road, with the observation, "My children and grandchildren gave me a birthday party last week."

Entertainment for the 93 who attended included a song by 70-year-old Mrs. Sarah Eddy, "Everybody Picks On Me." She was dressed in a ruffled pinafore with a peek-a-boo slip and bobby sox, and was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harold Jenks.

Max Liebau tap-danced "The Tramp" in costume, and Stephen J. Burns and Thomas N. Dumont gave a mind-reading stunt. A Virginia reel and waltzing was followed by refreshments including cookies baked by some of the Golden Agers.

Anyone over 65 years of age is invited to attend the free weekly Tuesday meetings conducted by the College Club and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department.

## Two Leagues On Their Way To Formation

Preliminary steps were taken last night in the Parks and Recreation Department office for organization of two baseball leagues. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, said today that six entered the Junior City League and four signed up for the Midget City League.

The Junior City field included Brass Rail's defending champions, Hollywood Grill A, Hollywood Grill B, the Tyler Aces, St. Mark's and Red's Dairy Bar of Lanesboro.

The Midget City entries were Sweeney's 1948 champions, the Wahconah All-Stars, Al's Variety and the Lakewood Civic Club.

## Marsh Will Call For Square Dance

Robert Marsh, formerly of the Berkshire County Extension Service, will be tonight's guest caller at the sixth regular Saturday square dance at the Masonic Temple, from 8.30 to 12. Orville (Pop) Smith's orchestra will play, and free square dance instructions will be given from 8 to 8.30. Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said last week's dance attracted 190, the largest group since the affair was moved from the Armory.

## Skating Club Reduces Debt

The deficit of the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club is \$115 today, after receipt of a \$5 gift from Eugene D. Case of this city at the club meeting last night.

Club directors hope to reduce the debt further by working in cooperation with the Sunset Park outdoor movie theatre in Lanesboro. All profits on tickets sold off the grounds by club members during the first week the theatre operates will go to the club.

## Junior Game To Get Help From Eagles

### Healy Announces Sponsorship for Hollywood Program

"Fostering" of a junior baseball double-header at Wahconah Park, Sunday afternoon, July 10, by the Fraternal Order of Eagles was announced today by Dan Healy, coach of the Hollywood Grill team. The Hollywoods will oppose the St. Adelbert Crusaders of Philadelphia, Pa., in two seven-inning games.

Healy said the Eagles have voted the Hollywood management assistance in the program, and will have a committee headed by Martin L. Farrell. Other members will be Burton Graham, Leslie Voorhees, Harry Salkin, and Jack Murdock.

The Eagles are the second group to be enrolled by the Hollywood team. The Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club last week was listed as the sponsor of the double-header scheduled for Wahconah Park Friday evening, June 24 between the Hollywoods and the New York Junior Eagles.

Healy said other organizations have been asked to help, and decisions are expected from several in the near future. He said he hopes to have one sponsoring agency for each home attraction.

## Hibbard Center Ends Regular Season Tonight

Tonight will be the last regular session of the Hibbard Community Center when the boys meet with John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department. The girls had their final session last night with Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities.

Although the regular sessions end today, a special get-together is planned for next Friday night when the boys and girls will have a combined session for entertainment, including movies.

Miss Duggan will continue to meet with the women's sewing class from 8.15 to 10 Thursdays until further notice. Mr. Massimiano will have special game sessions on succeeding Friday nights from 6.15 to 7.15 for tiny tots in the 6-to-9-year bracket.

## 5 Supervisors Sought for Playgrounds

Applications are being accepted at the Park Department for five positions of playground supervisor on week ends beginning June 25, it was announced today by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. The jobs will pay \$18.70 a week at Clapp, Deming, Coolidge, Wahconah and the Common.

Hours will be Saturdays from 9-12, 1.30-5.30 and 6.30-9; and Sundays from 10-5 and 6-9. Applicants should report to Mr. Massimiano in the School Street office.

Applicants for the job of supervisor of aquatics will be interviewed by the city-wide swimming staff committee, tonight at 7.30 in the Park Department, in its first meeting of the year. Anyone who has not filed his application should do so tonight and remain for an interview. Interviewing for other swimming positions will be held soon.

## Brennan Named Chairman of Baseball Group

Robert Brennan was elected chairman of the Pittsfield City-Wide Junior Baseball Committee at a meeting in the Parks and Recreation Department office last night. Francis Douglas was elected vice-chairman and Harry Smith treasurer. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, was named secretary. It was decided to drop consideration of the All-American amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa., until July 1. At that time a round robin tourney will be held to determine Pittsfield's representative to the event.

Players in the Junior City League will be limited to residents of Pittsfield and Lanesboro. All boys competing must be under 19 as of June 1.

It was voted to let the Pittsfield Brass Rail and the Hollywood Grill A team play an independent schedule up to round robin time. These two teams are comprised mostly of Pittsfield and St. Joseph's High School players. The Junior City League will start its league the first week in May playing three times around up to tourney time. Deadline for entries in the Junior League has been set for April 25. Fifteen members of the City-Wide Committee attended. Board of arbitration elected from the group are: John Kulis, Ted Hebler, John Lyons, Arthur Fox and Al Newman.

## Hollywoods To Practice

### Dan Healy Says He Will Welcome New Candidates

Three positions still are open, Coach Dan Healy said today, in announcing that his Hollywood Restaurant B junior baseball team will practice tomorrow morning at 11.45 at Deming Field. The team plans to add two pitchers and a catcher, and there is a possibility that an outfielder also will be chosen.

Healy said he will welcome all new candidates.

Veterans have been listed as tentative field and outfield combinations. The infielders are Chuck Garivaltis at first, Ted Stewart at second, Cyril Gorman at short, and Eddie DeAngelo at third. The outfielders are Dick Murdock, Dominick Discani, and Bill Evans.

Pitcher Al Leslie and catcher Bob Turner have been added to the squad.

## Meeting Tonight To Form Industrial Recreation Council

Representatives from personnel departments of 16 local business concerns have been invited to meet tonight at 7.45 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss formation of a city-wide industrial recreation council.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, said the council would provide employees with a comprehensive plan of recreation. Mr. Perry, who will preside, said the meeting is open to all firms, whether they have been notified or not.

## Pittsfield Bids for Skating Meet

### James Stack To Head Committee For Ski Center

A formal request to hold the North American Outdoor Speedskating championships in Pittsfield next Feb. 3, 4 and 5 is being made by the winter sports committee following unanimous decision last night.

A letter has been sent to Benjamin Bagdade, president of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, requesting his aid in bringing the event here. He recently promised to do his utmost to award the meet to Pittsfield. The ASU, which consists of 11 associations in the United States and the ASU in Canada, will make a decision at the annual meeting to be held in the East this fall. Hartford, Conn., has bid for that meeting.

Another outcome of the discussion was unanimous support for acquisition and development of property suitable for skiing facilities for children. James N. Stack has been appointed chairman of a committee to follow up the project.

Plans also were made for the all-day annual picnic of the winter sports committee on June 26 at Camp Eagle, Becket. The committee will not meet again until fall, unless further developments require it.

## James Thompson Is in Line for Aquatics Job

The name of James H. Thompson, a sophomore at Springfield College, will be up for approval as supervisor of aquatics at the park commissioners' meeting Monday night in the Park Department office. He was approved last night by the eight-man swimming staff committee selected to make preliminary choices in swimming appointments. Mr. Thompson, who was the only applicant for the job, was beachmaster at Pontoosuc Lake last year.

He succeeds William Stuart, a junior at Springfield College, who held the supervisor's job the last three seasons. Mr. Stuart graduates next spring and plans to get experience in playground supervision this summer.

Another interviewing session for prospective swimming employees will be Monday, April 18, beginning at 7.15, with 14 jobs slated to be filled tentatively, subject to approval of the park commissioners. One applicant each has filed for instructor and beachmaster at Pontoosuc, eight for the five positions of life guard there and three for wading pools, and four attendants for the two full and two part-time attendants at the Pontoosuc bathhouse.

Information on swimming positions is available at the School Street office of the Park Department.



# Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club

## Traveled Over 3100 Miles, Captured Numerous Events

**Longsjo and Goguen To Take Part in  
North Americans at Colorado Springs—  
Club Has Deficit of \$120**

By RALPH R. RENZI

Pittsfield's Parks Speedskating Club, the only such team in the country directly sponsored by a Parks and Recreation Department, had a very good season competitively, but it didn't do so well financially.

Thirty-eight boys and girls collected the only team trophy offered in their 11 competitions, along with 13 individual trophies, two plaques, and 159 medals. Art Longsjo led the list with six trophies and one plaque, while Alex Goguen topped the medalists with 22 awards.

### Helped Keep Deficit Down

Even though there was no money in the budget for the club, the skaters met the problem by raising more than \$300, selling \$1 memberships to parents and friends. That took care of transportation and lodging in most cases, and 18 uniforms which remain as club property. The skaters paid for their own meals.

But they ended up \$120 in the hole, and a meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7.30 in the Park Department office to find some way of conjuring up the needed sum. Plans will be made for next season, and the following Wednesday the parents will meet to elaborate the plans.

Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, pointed out that the deficit would have been bigger if interested citizens hadn't helped with transportation. The Red Cross loaned a station wagon for six meets, Birchard Buick Company for five, and South Street Chevrolet for three. Leon Mohill came through for three meets, and the following also loaned cars: Kaiser & Frazer Agency, Brookshire Ford, Stephen Terpak, Robert Dunn and Floyd Rossi.

Drivers volunteered their services and in many cases paid for the gas. That included Francis E. Douglas, Walter Goerlach, Mr. Terpak, Mr. Dunn, Willard Yeats, William Major and William Fitzgerald.

### Traveled Over 3100 Miles

To get an idea how far the skaters traveled, Mr. Perry estimates they would have gone all the way to the West Coast if one continuous trip had been made, since they traveled 3198 miles. That doesn't include the jaunt Longsjo, Goguen and Miss Barbara Mooney made to the Nationals in St. Paul, Minn. No record was kept of how far the members skated.

The team won five out of six of the outdoor meets, including the Adirondacks, Glens Falls, Lake Placid and New York State meet, all in New York, and the Berkshire Hills here. They took third in the Eastern States Outdoors.

Handicapped by their inexperience on indoor tracks (it was the first time the club competed indoors) they registered third in the New England, and second in the North Shore, Tri-State, Eastern States and Lake Placid events in New York. During the season they never placed lower than third in any meet.

A good indication of what Pittsfield may do in the future may be gauged from the fact that more than 50 per cent of the club, 20 skaters, were in the midget or juvenile classes. That includes juvenile Nancy Ann Viner, who took the Berkshire Hills, New York State, Glens Falls, Adirondacks, Lake Placid and tied for the Eastern States outdoor, North Shore indoor titles; and Angie Del-Signore, who tied in the Eastern States outdoors, and the North Shore indoors at Lynn.

Outstanding midgets were Bette Jane Goerlach with the New England indoor title and tied for the New York State outdoor, while her teammate, Eleanor Wesley, got the Tri-State title and tied for the Lake Placid, both indoors. Others in those classes who will skate for some time yet are: Marcia Gerlach, Robert Dunn, Richard Simard, Donald Terpak, Buddy Hogue, Joseph Basiliere, Leon Duval, David Viner, Carolyn Cassidy, and Penny Kirk. Then there are Curtis Douglas and Ann Goerlach who skated in one meet in a special midget class.

Goguen took the Tri-State championship, while Longsjo won or tied for the championship of every outdoor meet he competed in except the Berkshire Hills, and in indoor competition he took four and tied one. Another champ was Doris Shantz who took the junior title at the New York State meet.

### To Compete In Colorado

Pittsfield's representative also did well at the Nationals where Longsjo won the intermediate mile and two-mile events to take second in that class, and Goguen placed third in the two-mile senior event. Both are slated to compete in the North Americans Indoors at Colorado Springs, Col., late this month.

Other point winners who contributed to landing the lone trophy and the success of the club were: Patricia Fitzpatrick, Norma Fitch, Patricia Farrell, Eugene Vidoli, Bartram Reeves and Victor Bonneau. Still others who didn't win medals but who aided greatly by helping the others in their training were: Bill Major, Richard Conway, Joseph Satrape, Robert Hogue, James Williamson, Ned Hine, Janice Gregory, Mary Ann Komuniec, John Cantarella, Gerry Parker, Larry Hersig, William Zack, Fred Sabato and William Baumgartner.

Regardless of how the team comes out in clearing its deficit, the skaters are already looking forward to next season. At Wednesday's meeting they will turn in their uniforms but not their enthusiasm because they will plan a bicycle club for next month to stay in shape for next season when their ambitious program may include the North Americans with Pittsfield now holding the lead as the site. Some light on aid may be shed Monday night when the winter sports committee meets to decide what it will do with the \$2250 left over from this season.

## Compiled Fine Record

## in Meets

### Children's Ski Facility Has Great Appeal

The proposal of James N. Stack and Bartlett Hendricks to use the surplus of the Pittsfield Winter Sports Committee for a children's skiing facility located on the northern side of South Mountain has considerable merit. If the committee feels an obligation to do something with the unexpended funds which will advertise the city, we can think of nothing which will do it any better. Such an installation, well within the city limits, would have considerable promotional potential. Stories about it would be read with envious interest by parents in less favored areas who are harassed with the high cost of skiing for their youngsters, let alone for themselves. But more important, it would have the merit of being a facility which would be of solid recreational value, at low cost, to all the children of this city.

The other proposal of using the \$2200 to bring to Pittsfield the national speed skating championships has several real and possible difficulties. In the first place, considerably more money would probably have to be raised. Also as the Greylock Ski Club learned to its sorrow, scheduling national winter sports events is at the mercy of the weather. Moreover, it is doubtful to what extent such an event would draw outsiders into Pittsfield. If the winter is cold with plenty of snow, most accommodations would be expected to be filled with visiting skiers anyway.

Most important, as between the two propositions, we have a strong feeling towards supporting any sports endeavor which encourages participation over that where the principal appeal is heavy looking-on. And while both projects have advertising value, the unique feature of the children's ski facility is that after its initial promotional appeal had been exhausted, it would still have the asset of giving healthy outdoor sport to hundreds of kids who might otherwise have no contact with this wonderful sport.



## Golden Agers Get Steering Committee

The Golden Age Club's steering committee, which was formed last week, will introduce discussions of a drop-in center and a constitution at the regular meeting of the club in the YMCA tomorrow afternoon at 2.

Formed to help the old folks solve their problems by offering recommendations, the steering committee will serve only in an advisory capacity, with the club's membership making final decisions.

The committee includes President Charles H. Crowley, Miss Helen W. Graham and Walfrid T. Victoreen of the Golden Agers; Mrs. Ralph E. Plump, Mrs. Theodor R. Walters and Mrs. Paul E. Brassard of the College Club; and Mrs. Joseph R. Canavan, Harry A. Smith and Miss Elinor J. Duggan supervisor of girls and women's activities, of the Park Department.

The next monthly meeting of the steering committee will be Thursday, April 14.

## Grandstand Is Subject Of Conference

### Proposal for Doing Job for Less Than \$100,000 Discussed

Hopes for reviving the Wahconah Park grandstand project were given a boost at City Hall this morning when Mayor Capeless met with representatives of the Hussey Manufacturing Company, a North Berwick, Me., construction firm that has stated that it can probably build the proposed structure for less than \$100,000.

Following this morning's conference, the mayor announced that the company has agreed to prepare tentative cost estimates for a grandstand that would seat about 1600 persons. He said that bidding on the project may be reopened if the estimates seem reasonable.

This development would revive the hopes that were pigeonholed last fall when the only bid received by the city grandstand commission came to \$209,976, more than double the amount that had been appropriated. The Grandstand Commission was subsequently disbanded at its own request.

This morning's session was not the city's first contact with the Hussey concern in connection with its proposal for the grandstand. The company first approached the Park Department in February with a plan for a 2200-seat grandstand, which it felt could be constructed for a total of about \$100,000 including some \$30,000 for necessary pile-driving at the Wahconah Park site.

The discrepancy between the Hussey figures and previous estimates from other firms was attributed to several changes the Maine concern proposed to make in the original grandstand plans drawn up in 1946 by the late Joseph McA. Vance.

## Female Softballers Report Tomorrow

All girls interested in playing softball should attend the meeting tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Park Department office. If a team is already set up, only the manager need report. Any girls not affiliated with teams will have a chance to join one, it was reported by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities.

## Skating Meet To Be Discussed By Sports Group

Chances of holding the North American outdoor speedskating championships in Pittsfield next year will be discussed at the last regular meeting of the city-wide winter sports committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, tonight at 7.45 in the department offices.

William A. Knoblock, newly elected chairman of the committee will preside.

According to a release from the Park Department, the committee has gone on record inviting the Amateur Skating Union of the United States to hold the big meet in this city. A recent letter from Benjamin Bagdade, president of the ASU, says his group will "do our utmost" to award the meet to Pittsfield. He indicated that the formal awards are usually made at the ASU's annual meeting.

Bagdade added that advertising souvenirs donated by the Berkshire Hills Conference, the Chamber of Commerce and the Eaton Paper Corporation and distributed at the last annual meeting "certainly has sold this household on the beauty of Pittsfield, Mass."

The department said that four Eastern skating associations have gone on record favoring Pittsfield as the site in the East for the 1950 championships.

According to a Park Department estimate, the event will cost about four times as much as the Berkshire Hills Speedskating Championships, which would be discontinued for one year. Ways of financing this would include the advertising on a printed program, revenue from special events and increased revenue from the sale of winter sports buttons. About \$700 would be saved in money normally spent for the Berkshire Hills meet; and the expense of sending Pittsfield skaters to the North Americans would be eliminated.

## Vera Gentile Feted By Park Department

Miss Vera M. Gentile of 34 Cragie Avenue, who will be married Saturday, April 23, to George N. Halpin, aerographer third class, U.S. Navy, was honored by 10 Department of Parks and Recreation associates last night at the Busy Bee Restaurant. Miss Gentile was presented a pocketbook and a bouquet. Jackson J. Perry made the presentation. The party was arranged by Miss Dorothy B. McGee and Miss Elinor J. Duggan.

## Flag Pole Toppled But Not by Wind

The 40-foot wooden flag pole on the Common crashed this morning, but by design rather than wind.

Parks and Recreation Department maintenance men, under the direction of foreman William L. Fitzgerald, hauled the giant to earth shortly after 9.30, a few minutes before the heavy windstorm struck this area.

Mr. Fitzgerald and Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, decided yesterday to remove the pole, because it had started to rot at the bottom, and was regarded as dangerous.

Mr. Perry said it will be replaced shortly by a 20-foot steel job.

## Baseball Meetings Set

Three meetings of city baseball leagues will be held tomorrow at the Park Department office on School Street, it was announced today by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. The flea league meets at 4.15, the midget at 6.30 and the junior at 7.30. All managers are requested to attend.

## Pittsfield High Will Have Same Nine Football Foes

### Coach Art Fox Announces Completion Of Slate for Next Fall—Season Opener To Be Here Sept. 16 or 17

By ROGER O'GARA

Pittsfield High's 1949 football team will play the same schedule it did last fall, except that the sites of eight of the nine contests will be reversed. The official slate, which was completed yesterday afternoon by Coach Art Fox, shows five home games and four on the road.

Fox disclosed that the program was wrapped up when Holyoke High agreed to renew its relations with Pittsfield. He said he had opened tentative negotiations with Westfield High's Western Massachusetts champions for the Holyoke date, Saturday, Oct. 1. Westfield has that day open, because Adams didn't renew its contract.

However, Coach Archie Roberts of Holyoke said he wished to continue the home and home arrangement with Pittsfield, so the slate was completed.

Pittsfield will open with Greenfield High here. Everything hinges on the Pittsfield Indians of the Canadian-American Baseball League. If the Indians make the play-offs, the school teams probably will meet at Deming Field Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17. If the pro team finishes in second division, the contest undoubtedly will be played under lights at Wahconah Park Friday evening, Sept. 16.

Pittsfield will oppose Tech High

at Springfield a week later. There also is some question as to when that game will be played. Although it has been tentatively listed for Saturday, Sept. 24, there is a strong possibility that it may be set ahead to Friday night, Sept. 23.

Home Saturday afternoon contests will follow with Holyoke High and Adams High. Neither Holyoke nor Adams would consent to playing a Friday night game here.

Pittsfield will meet Drury High at North Adams Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15. After that, the stops will be as follows: Springfield Cathedral here, Friday, Oct. 21; at Agawam, Saturday, Oct. 29; at Rutland, Vt., Saturday, Nov. 5; St. Joseph's, Friday, Nov. 11.

Coach Fox said that in the absence of any word from St. Joseph's authorities, he was proceeding with automatic re-scheduling of the traditional season finale with the city rival on Armistice Day.

The schedule: Sept. 16 or 17, Greenfield here; Sept. 23 or 24, at Springfield Tech; Oct. 1, Holyoke here; Oct. 8, Adams here; Oct. 15, at Drury; 21, Cathedral here; 29, at Agawam; Nov. 5, at Rutland, Vt.; 11, St. Joseph's.

## Golden Agers Hit 100 Mark

About 100 people, the largest number to date, attended yesterday's meeting of the Golden Age Club in the YMCA. The members were entertained by Thomas Dolphin who gave impersonations of famous people, and were led in a community sing by Rev. Phillips B. Henderson with Mrs. Henderson as accompanist at the piano.

A bouquet donated by Follwell's Greenhouse was sent to Mrs. Hayward B. Carlsley, former chairman of the College Club committee which is co-sponsoring the club with the Parks and Recreation Department. Mrs. Carlsley is now in the hospital. The members were invited also to the open house at Follwell's all day Sunday. A birthday cake donated by Joanne Bakery, was won by Charltra Robertson.

## Hibbard Closes Center With Movies and Party

About 200 boys and girls attended last night's movies and refreshments, to end the Hibbard Community Center's winter season. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, showed movies supplied by the department. Members of the Lake-wood Civic Association, which donated the ice cream sandwiches, assisted.

The center is closed now except for a tiny-tot hour Mr. Massimiano will conduct Friday nights from 6.15 to 7.15 for children nine years of age and under, and a sewing class Thursday nights from 8.30 to 10 handled by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, park supervisor of girls' and women's activities.

## In Brief . . .

Rivalry, suspicion and jealousy between North and South Berkshire is nowhere near as tense as it was 30 or 40 years ago. But vestiges remain. Now through the good offices of Sanford Shephardson of Pittsfield and Richard Tonini of Richmond, Berkshire sportsmen have again decided to make common cause.

. . . Jack Perry, in asking for Exchange Club sponsorship of the Easter egg roll, must hope to throw off the weather jinx which has unaccountably plagued this event for him for two years. . . John J. Killeen makes a big jump in the Police Department from patrolman to captain just like that, but the title is nothing new to him. Going into the Army as a draftee, he came out a captain. . .

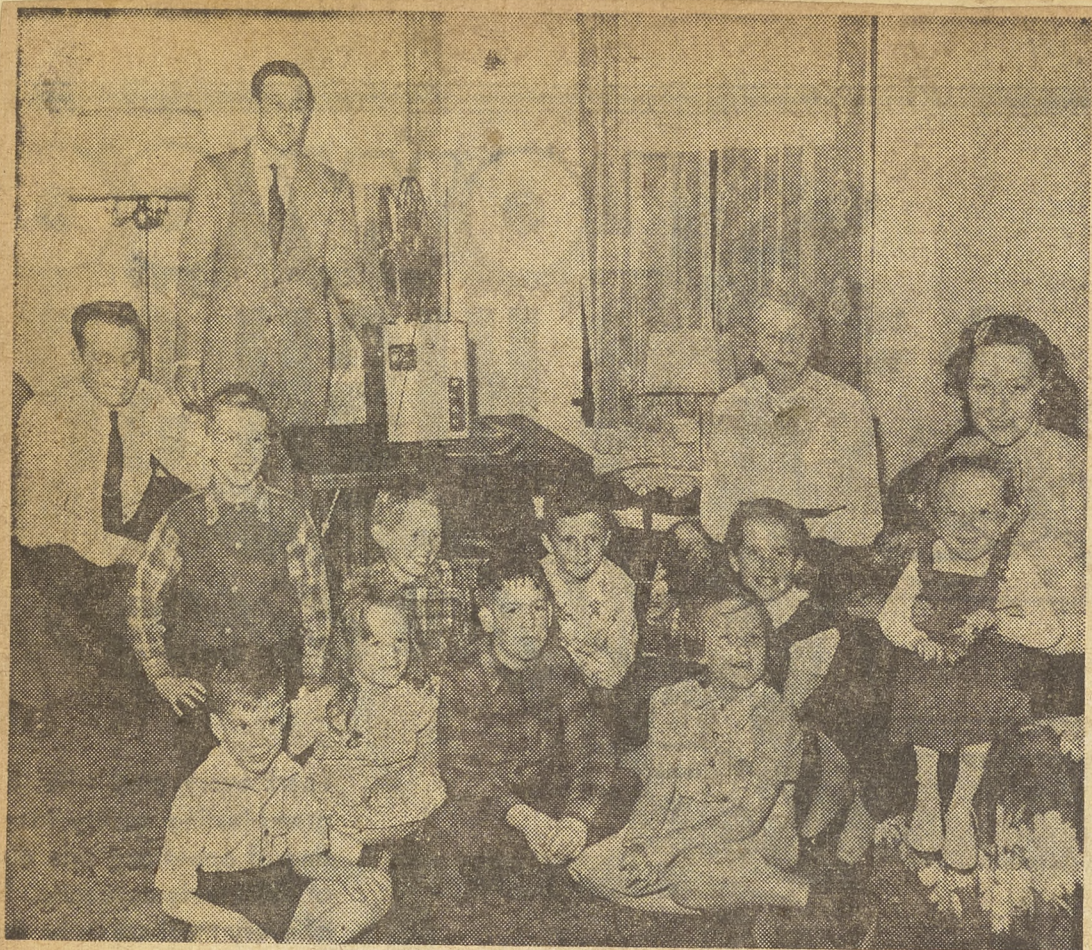
How many noticed that Dick Happel handed over his *Every Saturday* column on this page to Roger Linscott a week ago? The column will now concern itself primarily with municipal affairs. Rog is *The Eagle's* City Hall reporter. . . The professional appraisers have quietly folded their tents, lucky dogs, and now the music will begin. . .

## Attack in Park Halted by Punch

All a would-be assailant got in Springside Park last night was a swat in the nose, according to Marion Smith of 229 Linden Street who has informed police that he was attacked last night by a hatless, short, and stocky individual.

Mr. Smith was walking through the park when a man jumped out from the dark and grabbed him. When Mr. Smith swung and connected with his attacker's nose, the man fled. Mr. Smith, who is nursing a badly bruised right hand today, believes he broke the man's nose.





**JUDY'S FIRST MOVIE:** Three-and-one-half-year-old Judy Graham, crippled since birth, sees her first movie through courtesy of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, whose chairman Robert G. Stafford is at the projector. Judy is seated with her mother, Mrs. Burton M. Graham at right, her father is at left, and grandmother, Mrs. Mae Graham, at right. The youngsters are Judy's playmates.

## Sunshine Club Living Up To Its Name

### More Than 30 Movie Shows Given For City's Shut-Ins

More than 30 moving picture shows have been given by volunteer workers of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club since it started last year, and Tuesday the workers set another record by having two presentations in one night.

They use the 16 mm machine bought at a reduced rate from the Movie Mart on Fenn Street, where they rent their films. To put on simultaneous shows the other night, they borrowed the Park Department's projector.

While William J. Spasyk was showing a film for Sunshine Clubbers on Woodlawn Avenue, Robert G. Stafford, club chairman, was putting on a two-hour affair at the home of little Judy Graham, 3½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton M. Graham of 29 Stratford Avenue. It was her show and she thought it was swell," her mother said. Judy has been unable to walk since being born with dislocated hips and a muscle condition.

Shows have been presented every Monday night at the Crippled Children's Home, monthly at the West Pittsfield Tuberculosis Hospital, and at the homes of various other

members who are confined to their home. Other volunteer projectionists are Reginald E. LaBelle, Martin Hebert, Richard Haskell and Robert Pafenbach.

Funds for the club founded last year came from the surplus \$1200 donated to buy Bobby Kidney, Pittsfield's best-known polio victim, a television set. Mr. Stafford was chairman of the drive and later was selected to head the club.

## Amateur Baseball Head Rules Out-of-Town Players Are OK

Out-of-town players will be eligible to play with Pittsfield junior teams in the competition to determine this city's entry in the All-America amateur baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

That appeared to be the case today following receipt of a ruling from Dr. George W. McClaren of Baltimore, Md., head of the tournament committee. Dr. McClaren's telegram came in reply to inquiries from John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, and Pat Cioffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail Restaurant team.

Both Massimiano and Cioffi had asked Dr. McClaren for a ruling on out-of-town players. The tournament committee head didn't mention such boys specifically, but pointed out that the only eligibility regulation was that a player must compete in at least five games in the league which his team represents in the tournament.

The city-wide junior baseball committee two weeks ago voted that it would accept the tournament committee's ruling on this subject.

### How About That, Mr. Burdick?

There's no room for politics in the Golden Age Club. At least that's what the members indicated at yesterday's meeting when they approved a motion by Walfrid T. Victoreen that no political speeches should be brought up at any time.

Attendance was cut down to only 50 because of the holiday which found many conflicting appointments. The weekly birthday cake donated by Joanne Bakers was awarded to Mrs. Mary Flynn. Several songs were sung and stories told by the members.

### Meetings Listed

Junior City Baseball League managers will have a special meeting at the Parks and Recreation Department office tonight at 7. The junior city-wide baseball committee will meet tomorrow night at 7.30 at the department's office.

### Cancer Movies

Educational movies on cancer will be shown tomorrow night in Park Square starting between 8 and 8.30. William F. Leonard, chairman of the Cancer Fund Committee announced today.

There will be no admission or collection during the program, which is purely of an educational nature and should be of interest to a great number of people. The Park Department is co-operating with the fund committee to make the outdoor showing possible.

## \$500 Asked For Stand At Pontoosuc

### James Thompson, Miss Van Deusen Get Appointments

An appropriation of \$500 to build a 10 by 18-foot refreshment stand at Pontoosuc Lake was filed with Mayor Capeless today by the Park Commissioners as the result of a meeting last night in the Park Department office.

The stand would be made of stained clapboard with gable roof to give a rustic effect, and would be mounted on skids so that it could be moved after the swimming season ends. It would be located on the grassy plot formerly the Blue Anchor Club site.

If the appropriation is approved, the bid given last night for refreshment privileges at Pontoosuc would cancel the cost of the structure. The commissioners awarded the concession to John P. Kulis for \$500. The only other bids were \$400 each from George T. Lunt and Francis P. Sheridan. The commissioners also awarded the contract for 21 flower beds on parkways to the Viale Floral Company for \$299.50, the only bid received.

James Thompson was approved for the post of supervisor of aquatics for a 12-week period beginning June 15. A sophomore at Springfield College, Mr. Thompson will be on hand with the swimming staff committee next Monday night at 7 to interview candidates. The commissioners also selected Miss Bernice Van Deusen of 49 Winter Street a secretary replacing Miss Vera M. Gentile who soon will be married. Miss Van Deusen will begin her duties tomorrow.

Following a suggestion from the mayor, the commissioners will submit their request for improved rest rooms and driveway at Wahconah Park at the same time they give figures for the grandstand seating 1600.

## Rails Add Six Players

### Del Grande, Bakey, Lawton Join Local Junior Club

Six players were added to the roster of the Brass Rail Restaurant junior baseball roster last night as sponsor Pat Cioffi gave a dinner for his 1948 and 1949 teams at the New Berkshire Restaurant.

Included were three out-of-town players, pitcher Bill Bakey and first baseman Eddie Lawton, both of North Adams, and infielder Jimmy Del Grande of Housatonic. The others were outfielders Win Gregory and Bill Stumpek, both of Pittsfield High, and pitcher Dick Seidel of St. Joseph's High.

Del Grande, a former standout in baseball and basketball at Searles High, now is a student at Cranwell School. He may enter Fordham University in the fall. Bakey, an All-Berkshire choice in football and baseball at Drury High, has been accepted at the University of Massachusetts. Lawton, a senior at Drury and All-Berkshire first baseman a year ago, will continue his education at North Adams State Teachers College. Gregory, All-Berkshire outfielder at Pittsfield High in 1948, will go to St. Bonaventure College.

Coach Ray Goodrich outlined plans for the elaborate schedule. The team will compete in the City League and in the series which will determine Pittsfield's representative to the All-American amateur tournament at Johnstown. Mr. Cioffi also spoke briefly.





**THE BUNNY AIN'T FUNNY:** This youthful trio takes a dim view of a lot of work the Easter Bunny ought to have done, to wit, some 36 dozen eggs waiting to be decorated for tomorrow's hunt at Clapp Park. From left to right, the discouraged artists are Suzy, Corky and Pug, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Renzi of 75 Daniels Avenue. The event begins at 2.30 and four live bunnies and 10 baskets are offered as prizes.



**PARK SECRETARY:** Miss Bernice C. Van Deusen, who is working under a six-month provisional civil service appointment as secretary in the Park Department, replacing Miss Vera M. Gentile who will be married Saturday morning.

## Easter Egg Hunt and Roll Starts Tomorrow at 2.30

Members of the Exchange Club's committee conducting the annual Easter egg hunt and roll at Clapp Park tomorrow at 2.30 have been announced by Arthur E. Roberts, chairman. They are: Kenneth Gogan, Robert H. Childs, Edward J. Johnson, Arthur C. Johnson, Norman C. Quillard, Hunter Robertson, C. Thomas Zorbo, Nicholas Mele and Anthony Cancilla.

Co-sponsored by the club and Park Department, the youngsters under 10 years of age will hunt for about 1000 colored eggs, 100 chocolate rabbits and 100 chocolate eggs. The children will hunt in groups under 2 years, 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 7 through 9, with reports to be made at a stand near the maintenance building.

Four live rabbits will be given to the youngsters with the gold, silver or black egg, and the most eggs. Large Easter baskets will go for the first chocolate egg, and chocolate rabbit, while smaller baskets will be given to the smallest hunter and another to the youngest hunter. Other small baskets will be given to finders of the second chocolate egg and rabbit.

The egg roll will be in two classes of boys and girls from 5 and under and 6 through 9, with contestants rolling eggs down an incline to break the opponents' egg.

## 40 Women, 13 Men Apply for Jobs on City's Playgrounds

With applications for Park Department playground jobs, it's women three to one. Only 13 men have applied for the 14 jobs open to their sex, while 40 women have filed applications for 16 jobs open to them. About 20 college students will be interviewed April 20 during their Easter vacation.

A shortage of applicants has developed for the job of archery instructor which has one name, music and dance supervisor has only two, and no one seems to want the arts and crafts job. Men and women are urged to file for the above jobs as soon as possible.

Interviews for the spring playground jobs which begin May 9 will be Tuesday before a board of Junior League members who are co-sponsoring the experiment with the Park Department. They have three men who applied for the director's position, and only one woman for leader. Anyone interested in any of the playground positions should call the Park Department office.

## City Wide Group To Discuss Junior Baseball

The Junior City-wide baseball committee headed by Robert Brennan will meet in the Park Department offices tonight at 7.30 to discuss Junior baseball.

At a meeting of the managers of the Junior City circuit last night, John Massimiano of the Park Department staff announced that he and Supervisor Jackson Perry decided to limit membership in the league to Pittsfield and Lanesboro boys. If this ruling remains in effect it means that the three players from outside of Pittsfield recently signed by Pat Cioffi for his Brass Rail entry will be ineligible to play in local league. The winner of this circuit will play in the series which will determine Pittsfield's representative to the All-American Amateur tourney at Johnstown, N.Y.

The tentative date for the league opening is May 8 and entries for the loop must be filed by April 28.

Midget and Flea Leagues are also directed by the Park Department.

## Leaders Named For Playgrounds

William J. Troy of 76 Henry Avenue and Miss Glenys L. Thompson of 85 Emerson Avenue have been chosen director and leader respectively for the spring playground program beginning May 9.

They were selected Tuesday from a list of six applicants by a committee from the Junior League, which is sponsoring the new playground sessions in co-operation with the Park Department. Mrs. Everett Watson was chairman with the following aides: Mrs. Russell E. Clarke, Mrs. Stanley H. Norton and Mrs. Albert I. Ris of Richmond. Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, were present at the meeting in the Park Department.

Mr. Troy attended the University of Massachusetts for three years and was director of Clapp playground two years ago. While in college he was in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," president of the sophomore honorary society, vice-president of the Newman Club, and a first lieutenant in the Air Force ROTC.

Miss Thompson is a graduate of Pittsfield High School and Green Mountain Junior College, and also studied at Springfield College one year. She has worked in the Springfield Girls' Club as supervisor, been Girl Scout assistant leader, and has had five years counseling experience.

## Golden Age Club Booms With Spring

Attendance at the Golden Age Club's weekly Tuesday afternoon meetings is keeping pace with the springtime. About 110 showed up Tuesday, an increase of 10 over last week's high. An Easter Lily from Viale's Flower Shop and two plants from Follwell's were awarded to lucky people present, and Mrs. Isabella DeGroat got the birthday cake from the Joanne Bakery.

The old folks approved a constitution drawn up recently. Entertainment was provided with a humorous talk by Arthur Burdick and character songs by James White. Mrs. Georgina Alcombright was recording secretary.





**WHERE'D THEY HIDE 'EM?** Part of the estimated 850 youngsters who swarmed over Clapp Park to locate nearly 1600 eggs the Easter Bunny hid for the annual hunt and roll for youngsters under 10. The older groups were released prematurely and overran the cherubs who expected to collect the eggs nearest the snow fence erected to hold back the crowd.

## Easter Bunny Gets Sniffles And So Do Many Children, Too

Latest reports are that the Easter bunny is nursing a bad case of sniffles. And so, too, are a goodly number of the 1500 persons who braved the second coldest April 17 in 10 years to take part in the traditional egg hunt and roll at Clapp Park.

The weatherman reports it was 28 degrees in the morning (compared to 26 degrees in 1939) and it "warmed" up to 44 degrees in the afternoon after Old Sol wormed his way through the clouds for a few hours.

For the most part, commonsense prevailed and quite a few of the 850 "egggatherers" were bundled up in snow suits and snug winter coats—while their mothers sported furs and warm gloves.

### Terry Is Consoled

A mix-up occurred when Terry McGovern of 285 West Street showed up five minutes after James Brazie of 16 Satinet Street was given the live bunny for collecting 28 eggs. To console Terry, he was given an Easter basket.

Within 20 minutes after the hunt started, George Garivaltis of 22 Elizabeth Street had reported with the golden egg, Patricia Hubbard of 186 West Street with the silver one, and John Kinnas of 91 Peck's Road with the black one, entitling them to live rabbits.

Tiny Ruth Gardner of 22 Merriam Street got an Easter basket for being the smallest hunter, and one-year-old Stewart Kirk of 21 Beech Grove Avenue as the youngest. Baskets for the first and second chocolate egg were won by Nancy Ferry of 511 South Street and Mary Beth Melanson of 36 Division Street, while similar prizes went to Paul Cantarella of 1591 East Street and Britton Ransford of 51 West Housatonic Street for the first chocolate rabbits.

Ten members of the Exchange Club, which cosponsored the affair with the Park Department, had their hands full in the egg roll. The youngsters had trouble understanding the competition which consisted of rolling or tossing an egg to crack an opponent's.

Maureen Cahill of 130 Linden Street won the under-five contest for girls, and Kenneth Shephard of Sunrise Street, Lanesboro, the same class for boys. Nancy Edmonds of 14 Satinet Street took the under-nine girls class and Camille Bienvenue of 288 West Street for the boys.

The crowd began arriving before

2 PM for the hunt which got off on schedule at 2.30 and was completed before 3. Awarding of prizes and the roll lasted until almost 4 when the crowd shivered on home.

There was some confusion when the older children broke loose prematurely and swarmed quickly over the area. But most of the tears came from such little girls as the one dressed in blue jeans, brown coat and hat who sobbed, "I want my daddy and can't find him." A few skinned their knees hurrying the hunt, but an egg quieted them.

Each Exchange Clubber carried a supply of eggs which were carefully dropped near disappointed small fry. A consolation prize of a chocolate egg was given the six-year-old boy who reached the finals of the egg roll before he realized he was too old. He had brought his little sister to compete in the same class and was crestfallen when he realized his error.

One little girl tearfully withdrew from the rollers with a cry "I need an egg," and there were none left to give her. Another little fellow cracked an egg which wasn't quite hard, with dismaying results to his clothes.

There was some skulduggery and conniving one group of grinning small fry bragged how they were helping a friend by giving him their eggs. Another remarked "I found four but I sold three of them to a guy for a dime."

Six assorted-sized nimrods were returned to their parents with the aid of the Park Department loud-speaker operated by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. A tiny red mitten and pink booty were also claimed by smiling parents who seemed to enjoy the hunt as much as their offspring.

Some embarrassed parents realized too late they had forgotten to bring containers for the eggs. But most of the cherubs were carrying gaily-colored baskets, paper bags and even discarded egg cartons.

The rabbit James Brazie won as champion collector won't be lonely because there are two more at home to keep him company. Jim's folks bought the rabbits a few days ago to keep him happy after he injured his heel in an automobile accident.

## First Workout For Indians Tomorrow at 2

### Negro Hurler Returned to Pittsfield

The Pittsfield Indians are due to arrive here tonight at 7 and will practice on Dorothy Deming Field tomorrow afternoon at 2. Manager Gene Hasson and his squad, who trained in Marianna, Fla., reached Harrisburg, Pa., by bus last night.

Pittsfield and Three Rivers will work out at Deming Field Monday afternoon and at Wahconah Park Tuesday afternoon. Those clubs will meet in the opening contest of the Canadian-American League season here Tuesday at 6.

Paul A. Tamburello, president of the Pittsfield club, has been notified that Cleo Lewright, Negro pitcher, who was traded to Bakersfield, Cal., has been returned to the Indians and will come here by plane. Lewright is a right-handed hurler who attended Lincoln University and is recommended as a great prospect.

## Kidney Club Gets Help From Local Groups

A double boost was given the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club by local organizations this week. Besides a \$10 donation from the Heart of the Berkshires Grange, 11 Easter baskets were given by the Playmates' Club.

An offshoot of the national organization dedicated to helping others, the Playmates' Club is composed of Redfield students all 10 years of age or under. They organized three months ago with 10-year-old Judy Roan of 71 Elizabeth Street as chairman, and this is the first project. Others in the club are Jane McMahon, Judy Merowitz, Patricia Morton, Ellen McLean, Maureen Berkley and Judy Barlow.

About 500 copies of the Kidney Club's Quarterly Visitor are being distributed this week to 70 local shut-ins, city officials, nursing homes in Adams, Cheshire and Lenox, and even in Taunton. The spring issue is almost double the first, with nine pages.

Besides a children's page, the mimeographed paper has a history of the House of Mercy (now the Pittsfield General Hospital), a section "Just for You" giving tips on radio programs, and a poets' corner with contributions from Harriet A. Jackson of Taunton, and Nancy Byrd Turner. In "Your Thoughts and Mine" birthday anniversaries coming up before the next issue are listed along with thank-you notes.

## Square Dance Tonight

The Park Department will sponsor a square dance tonight from 8.30 to 12 at the Masonic Temple. Free instruction will be given from 8 to 8.30. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities, handled the annual affair with the aid of Mr. Massimiano, in the absence of Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent who visited with Mrs. Perry and their son in Caledonia, N.Y. . . . Alan H. Jacobs, part-time park policeman, helped control the crowd near the judges' stand even though it was his day off . . . It was the first complete egg roll because last year's was canceled when the crowd decided it was too cold to stay.





**HERE'S THE BUNNY:** Arthur E. Roberts, chairman of the Exchange Club which cosponsored the the annual Easter egg hunt and roll at Clapp Park, with the Park Department, hands the first-prize bunny to George Garivaltis who found the golden egg. Patricia Hubbard clutches her prize rabbit awarded for the silver egg.

## AFM Allocates \$2204 Here To Continue Free Concerts

An allotment of \$2204.10 has been made by the American Federation of Musicians to assure continuance of the free public summer band concerts in Pittsfield and Southern and Central Berkshire County. The announcement was made today by Charles DeBlois, president of Local 109. It will be the third year music has been provided. This year's allotment is slightly less than 1948's.

The move was praised by Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of the Park Department which is cosponsoring the concerts. He said,

"In the past two years Local 109 has presented a goodly number of concerts and I am sure every music lover will congratulate the local union for making the arrangement so early."

Mr. DeBlois will name a committee soon to plan the dates and programs of the concerts. Money for the affairs comes from the Music Performance Trust Fund set up by the executive board. The concerts formerly were financed from royalties on transcriptions, but the Taft-Hartley Act forbade such service and the new system was set up to be administered by a trustee appointed by the recording and transcription industry.

## Swim Job Interviews Set for Monday Night

Applications for 14 positions left on the summer swimming staff will be accepted until Monday night at 7 when the city-wide swimming committee will hold its second interview session, with James Thompson, newly-appointed supervisor of swimming, present.

Two have applied for beachmaster at Pontoosuc Lake, while only Miss Barbara Ducharme, last year's swimming instructor, has applied for that job. Five have filed for the five life guard jobs at Pontoosuc, while five are listed for the three life guard openings at Crane and Springside. Four are applying for the two full-time bathhouse attendant jobs, while two are listed for the two openings as part-time attendants.

## Golden Age Party Postponed One Week

The party slated tomorrow for the Golden Agers by the American Legion Auxiliary has been postponed until April 26 because of Patriots' Day. The Golden Age Club still will hold its regular Tuesday meeting at the YMCA.

## Burdick Gives Views on Golden Age Club Policies

Arthur Burdick said today that he is in complete agreement with the Golden Age Club on its recently adopted policy of permitting no political speeches at club meetings. He added, however, that he is not in accord with club members who favor use of Cushing's Manual as a guide for parliamentary procedure.

"Cushing's Manual," said Mr. Burdick today "is intended for political use. The Golden Age Club is not a political organization, and I think our deliberations should be guided by 'Robert's Rules of Order.' I believe that any citizen of good character has a right to join our club even though he might be a candidate for some elective office."



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**WE'RE BIG SHOTS NOW:** John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, hands Easter baskets to one-year-old Stewart Kirk of 21 Beech Grove Avenue for being the youngest hunter, and Ruth Gardner of 22 Merriam Street, the smallest.

## Projects Planned To Finance Next Skating Season

Three projects have been planned by the Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club to earn \$750 which would make the skaters self-sufficient next season. The club hopes to make arrangements for use of the bus owned by Pittsfield's entry in the Canadian-American League, it was announced at last night's meeting of the parents' committee.

The first project will begin May 1 with the youngsters slated to get all profits over and above taxes from tickets they sell during the opening week of Sunset Park, the outdoor theatre in Lanesboro. In charge will be Robert Hogue, Francis E. Douglas and Edward L. Hine.

A food sale will be held in early June with Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, Mrs. Francis E. Viner and Mrs. John L. Cantarella in charge. During July or August an outdoor card party will be given at Springside House with Mrs. Edmund O. Farrell, Mrs. Hine and Mrs. Philip M. Gerlach in charge.

The parents' committee was pleased that the North American outdoor speedskating championships may be held in Pittsfield in 1950, it was reported by Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent.

## Goguen To Travel With the Perrys On Way to Meet

Pittsfield's crack senior skater, Alex Goguen, will leave tomorrow morning for Colorado Springs, Col., to compete in the North Americans next Friday and Saturday. Goguen will drive to Rochester, N.Y., with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson J. Perry and their son who will spend the Easter vacation with Mrs. Perry's parents in Caledonia, N.Y. Goguen will take a train from Rochester arriving at the Broadmoor Ice Palace in Colorado Springs Tuesday, giving him time enough to get acclimated. He will compete in all the senior events. It is doubtful that Arthur Longsjo will make the trip.

## Verne Goodwin Gets 'A' Rating In Skiing

### Local Youth Reaches Sport's Top Classification

Verne Goodwin, 17-year-old Pittsfield ski star, has more national recognition coming to him after being awarded an "A" rating by the National Ski Association. He is one of the youngest skiers ever to get the top classification.

An "A" rating is given to "B" skiers who have shown up well in major meets against strong competition. Goodwin's promotion from the "B" ranks is based upon his performance in the U.S. Eastern giant slalom championships and the Eastern combined championships last month.

He was seventh among 43 top-notch skiers in the giant slalom and 12th in the downhill and slalom combined.

Goodwin's performance during the past season earned him the title of outstanding schoolboy skier in the East in the judgment of Ski magazine.

After graduation this June from Pittsfield High School, he will enter Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., in September. He had planned for a long time to enter Middlebury, but only recently received notification of his acceptance.

Although most Berkshire skiers have long since put away their boards, Goodwin is planning on taking several more trips to Tuckerman's Ravine, Mount Washington, N.H., before the season ends.

Following a reception at the home

## Colored Easter Eggs Given Child Patients

Decorated Easter eggs made by the 14 Onota Camp Fire girls were presented today to the children's wards of the Pittsfield General and St. Luke's Hospitals.

Others have been given to the Park & Recreation Department for young members of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club.





**BAR SUPPLIES, JUNIOR MODEL:** Junior high school youths set up the refreshment counter for their Easter Tuesday ball in the Sheraton Hotel donated by John E. Donegan, general manager, who lends a hand. The dance, first one for the junior high youngsters, will be from 7 to 10 to Oliver Barzottini's orchestra with a ticket sale at the door. At left, George Herrick and Larry Unbehend hoist a few cases of soda while Jo Anne Goddard, general chairman, arranges individual bottles.



**SODA POP AND BE BOP:** More than 350 teen-agers of Grades 7, 8 and 9 flocked to the Hotel Sheraton Tuesday for their first Easter Tuesday ball. The youngsters manned a soda-pop service bar which kept them busy between numbers by Oliver Barzottini's orchestra from 7 to 10. Admission was only 25 cents because John E. Donegan, general manager of the Sheraton, donated the ballroom. About 100 came from the Dalton teen-age center under supervision of Jake T. Brennan, assistant director of recreation. The regular Friday night dance at the Springside Junior Country Club has been canceled this week, according to Miss Elinor J. Duggan, girls' and women's supervisor.

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## Pittsfield

# CITY BASEBALL COMMITTEE IS 'TOLD' BY PERRY

## Row Leaves Junior Tourney Setup Still Confused

Pittsfield, April 21—The expected eruption in the Park and Recreation Department offices failed to materialize as the meeting of the City-Wide Baseball Committee ended more or less in confusion as the group was told by Jackson J. Perry, commissioner of parks and recreation, that he, as head of the department, would establish the constitution and rules of operation of the baseball leagues under his jurisdiction and that the City-Wide Committee had as its function only that of raising funds to defray the cost of sending a team to the All-American Junior Baseball Tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

### Says He's Boss

Immediately after the session was opened by Chairman Robert Brennan the floor was given Mr. Perry who, at great length, told the group that the committee was selected by him to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation for three distinct ends. First, they were to assist in improving the league umpiring; secondly, to supply needed supervision and leadership for the flea and midget leagues in order that the youngsters might develop along proper lines, and, lastly, to aid in raising funds to care for the expense of sending a team to the Johnstown Tourney. He continued in effect that for three years the Park Department worked with the managers in setting up and running the leagues and that, frankly, that is the way that it must be run. Mr. Perry also pointed out that his ultimatum ruling out the use of players who do not reside, eat and sleep in Pittsfield or Lanesboro was listed in the original constitution and again was approved by nine of the 10 managers at a meeting held last night.

He further told the group that he was sorry his department had complicated or implicated the committee and that he still would like the group to operate as an advisory or assisting group as originally set up but that they were not to be a "legislative" body. In an attempt to clarify his stand on the eligibility ruling handed down by him, he said his department is responsible for the boys and girls of the city in which it is operating and that he could not see permitting a possible 40-odd players from outside the city to eliminate or deprive a like number of Pittsfield youths from playing baseball in the city-sponsored league.

Chairman Brennan then questioned Mr. Perry if he knew of the agree-

ment previously arrived at by the City-Wide Committee to the effect that they would stand by the decision of eligibility as handed down by the heads of the All-American Tournament Committee, of which Glenn L. Martin is head. In reply Perry stated that the question involved the policy of his department and would only be decided by the department itself and not by the committee and that he would not relax his ruling.

Pat Cioffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail team which represented Pittsfield at the Johnstown event the last two years, pointed out that his team had been allowed to use out-of-city players in both 1947 and 1948. He then criticized the Park Department's Junior City League of 1948 as being a "farce" as far as competitive baseball was concerned and as to its aim to promote baseball, it was exceedingly poor promotion. Bill Knoblock of the committee interjected an opinion that the city of Pittsfield should be represented by a good club or give up the All-American franchise entirely. To this Perry emphatically stated that the department is opposed to an all-star team being sent to the tournament.

After the session Chairman Brennan told The Union that the committee was still intact but only as a fund-raising body as pointed out by Mr. Perry, and that otherwise confusion reigned. The only definite point learned from the whole two-hour meeting was that the tourney franchise is held by the Park and Recreation Department and that teams competing would be forced to abide by its rulings.

## Goguen Takes Third in Mile Skating Race

### Spill Removes Five Leaders in The Final Lap

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col. (AP)—With defending champion Al Broadhurst a bad luck victim, the race for the North American men's speed skating championship was a wide open affair today.

Broadhurst, from Roslindale, Mass., was leading the mile race last night until he fell on the last lap. As the next four skaters piled up behind him, Edgar Dame of Revere, Mass., who had been in sixth place, came on to win.

Frank Broadhurst, a brother of Al, was second and Alex Goguen of Pittsfield, Mass., was third. Earlier in the evening, Broadhurst was beaten in the 880-yard race by long-legged Tom Hutchinson of Norwalk, Cal.

With three races still to go tonight, Hutchinson and Dame were tied for first with 30 points each. Broadhurst still can retain his title but Hutchinson was the favorite of many observers.

## Baseball School Scheduled for Tomorrow at 2.30

A baseball school for boys will be conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department on the Common tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. Bill Barrett of the Boston Red Sox scouting staff will be the instructor.

Baseball movies will be shown tomorrow morning at 10 in the WBRK auditorium. John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the department, will be in charge.

## Mayor Is 'Much Encouraged' Over Grandstand Outlook

Mayor Capeless described himself as "much encouraged" over prospects for a Wahconah Park grandstand this morning following a conference at City Hall with Parks Superintendent Perry and representatives of the Hussey Manufacturing Company of North Berwick, Me.

The Hussey concern, which specializes in grandstand construction, came into the Wahconah Park picture three months ago by stating that the long-planned grandstand at the park could be built for far less than was indicated last fall when bids for the proposed structure were solicited. At that time, the only bid came to approximately \$210,000, as against a Grandstand Commission appropriation of only \$75,000.

No specific figures were mentioned at the mayor's office following this morning's conference, but it was understood that the Hussey engineers now believe that a 1530-seat grandstand can be put up at Wahconah for about \$85,000. This

would include the expensive steel piling made necessary because of the soft soil at the site, but it would not cover the cost of building rest rooms, locker rooms and showers.

### May Start Again

Mayor Capeless said this noon that the city's next step will be to investigate the probable cost of installing these additional facilities. If it turns out that the total bill for the grandstand would run to \$100,000 or less, it is probable that he will recommend soliciting another round of bids for the project.

He emphasized that although the Hussey Company has taken the initiative in preparing new estimates, no contract can be let without competitive bidding. Presumably the Hussey Company would be among the bidders, and would very likely be the only one.

The new estimates have revived hopes that were just about snuffed out at the time that bids were first solicited last fall. The Grandstand Commission was dissolved at its own request at the end of the year.

## Seven Committee Men Resign In Protest of Perry's Ruling

### Park Head Declines To Relax Policy On Out-of-Town Players—Goodrich Says League Was 'Pitiful' in 1948

By ROGER O'GARA

Seven members of the junior city-wide baseball committee resigned this morning in protest of what they termed Jackson J. Perry's "autocratic decision" that out-of-town players would not be eligible to compete in the Junior City Baseball League.

The withdrawals grew out of a 90-minute special meeting last night, when the committee listened to the Parks and Recreation Department superintendent's explanation for his action. Mr. Perry ruled that only bona-fide residents of Pittsfield and Lanesboro will be eligible to play in the league, whose champion will be Pittsfield's representative to the All-American amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa., in August.

Many committee members attacked what they termed Mr. Perry's "intercession" in the matter following the committee's agreement two weeks ago that it would be guided by a ruling from the All-American amateur tournament chairman, Dr. George L. McClaren of Baltimore, Md., on this phase of eligibility. They pointed out that Dr. McClaren, in duplicate telegrams to John A. Massimiano, Parks and Recreation Department director of athletics, and Patrick Cioffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail Restaurant, Pittsfield's entry in the tournament last year, said in effect that his committee had no rules against the use of out-of-town players.

Stating that he and Mr. Massimiano had made a "mistake" in referring the issue to the committee, Mr. Perry asserted that his department must make the decision because it has responsibility to the "boys and girls of Pittsfield." He declared that the use of out-of-town players would prevent many local boys from competing in an organized league.

The resignation statement read as follows: We, the undersigned members of the junior city-wide baseball committee, hereby resign. We do so for the following reasons: We are serving no worthwhile purpose as members of the committee. Jackson J. Perry has ruled us out of existence by his autocratic decision on the matter of out-of-town players. Since our judgment is no longer valued, we decline to perform the laborious chores which Mr. Perry may assign to us, such as lining the fields, fill-

ing the bases with sawdust, chasing balls, or passing the tin cup.

Signers were Robert Brennan Sr., chairman, Mr. Cioffi and Raymond L. Goodrich, sponsor and coach, respectively of the Brass Rails, and Paul Sweeney, William A. Knoblock, George Ditmar Sr., and Roger O'Gara.

Speaking for 15 minutes at the outset of the session, Mr. Perry said he shouldn't have attended, because he had been ill for days. However, he submitted that he wanted to clear up any misunderstanding which may exist. He stated that the department had been wrong "to implicate you gentlemen" in matters of the league's constitution.

Mr. Perry refused to accept James J. McNeice's suggestion that out-of-town players be permitted to play in the league this season.

Coach Goodrich said that the 1948 Pittsfield Junior City League was "a pretty pitiful organization." He charged that five teams withdrew before the termination of the schedule.

He continued his criticism by asserting that his team reported for many games last season and "found there were no bases on the field." He further stated that in several instances "umpires had to be drafted from the crowd."

Concluding, he declared, "I say that the league wasn't run very well."

This writer asked how Mr. Perry justified his use of out-of-town skaters as Pittsfield's representatives the past winter. He mentioned Alex Goguen and Art Longsjö, who came here from Fitchburg and received Park Department assignments. Bobby Dunn and Dick Simard, North Adams midgets, who represented Pittsfield, and Miss Barbara Mooney, the Schenectady girl who wore this city's colors. He wanted to know why there should be different rules for skating and baseball.

Perry maintained that the use of out-of-town skaters had brought prestige to Pittsfield. The writer countered by insisting that capable Berkshire County baseball players "would bring as much, if not more."

He also said that Mr. Perry's "arbitrary attitude" in the face of the ruling by the All-American amateur tournament committee, minimized Pittsfield's chances of winning the national title. He submitted that a victory in such an important tournament would be a great boost to baseball in Pittsfield and Berkshire County.

## Junior High Pupils Will Strut at the Easter Tuesday Ball

Pittsfield junior high school youngsters will have their "Easter Monday" ball next Tuesday night in the Hotel Sheraton. John E. Donegan, general manager, donated the ballroom for dancing from 7 to 10.

The informal dance is an outgrowth of the weekly Friday night dances at Springside Junior Country Club. The Sheraton was donated last year for a Park Department dance for high school students, but this is the first time the junior high pupils will have a chance to strut their stuff, it was reported by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities. Miss Duggan added the regular dance tonight at Springside has been canceled because of Good Friday.



## Vera Gentile Becomes Bride

Former Park Dept.  
Secretary Married  
At Lebanon Shrine

Miss Vera M. Gentile, daughter of Mrs. Louise F. Gentile of 34 Craigie Avenue, and George N. Halpin, aerographer third class, U.S. Navy, of Telluride, Col., were married this morning at 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, New Lebanon, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Schatzlein before an altar decorated with spring flowers. Nicholas Soldato sang.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, John F. Gentile, had Miss Eleanor D. Madden as maid of honor. The best man was Bernard L. O'Bryan, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride was dressed in a white satin gown with off-the-shoulder neckline, illusion yoke and full pick-up skirt en train. Her finger-tip illusion veil was attached to a beaded half-crown. She carried a white carnation spray with orchid center.

The maid of honor wore an American Beauty gown with fitted bodice, full skirt and short puffed sleeves, and a matching picture hat. Her Colonial bouquet was of yellow carnations. The bride's mother was dressed in a black satin print dress, black straw hat and a gardenia corsage.

### To Live in Norfolk

Following a dinner for the immediate families at the Rainbow Restaurant, the couple left on a wedding trip. The bride's traveling costume was a gray suit with sailor blue accessories and an orchid. After May 4, the couple will make their home in Norfolk, Va.

The bride, formerly a secretary in the Parks and Recreation Department office, is a Pittsfield High School graduate. She was a member of the Professional Drug girls' basketball team, New England AAU champion.

Mr. Halpin, a graduate of Telluride High School, has been in the Navy three years. He is stationed at the weather central at Norfolk.

### The complete schedule:

**Saturday, April 23**  
St. Joseph's (P) at Adams.  
Bennington at Drury.  
Williamstown at Pittsfield.

**Tuesday, April 26**  
Adams at Williamstown.  
Bennington at St. Joseph's (P).  
Dalton at Drury.

**Friday, April 29**  
Pittsfield at Dalton.  
Drury at St. Joseph's (P).  
Bennington at Adams.

**Tuesday, May 3**  
Williamstown at Bennington.  
Pittsfield at Drury.  
Dalton at St. Joseph's (P).

**Friday, May 6**  
Adams at Drury.  
Pittsfield at Bennington.  
Dalton at Williamstown.

**Tuesday, May 10**  
Drury at Williamstown.  
Adams at Dalton.

**Wednesday, May 11**  
Pittsfield at St. Joseph's (P).

**Friday, May 13**  
Pittsfield at Adams.  
Williamstown at St. Joseph's (P).  
Bennington at Dalton.

**Saturday, May 14**  
Dalton at Bennington.

**Tuesday, May 17**  
Pittsfield at Williamstown.

**Friday, May 20**  
Williamstown at Adams.  
St. Joseph's (P) at Bennington.  
Drury at Dalton.

**Monday, May 23**  
Adams at Pittsfield.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
St. Joseph's (P) at Drury.  
Dalton at Pittsfield.  
Adams at Bennington.

**Friday, May 27**  
Williamstown at Dalton.  
Drury at Pittsfield.

**Monday, May 30**  
St. Joseph's (P) at Dalton.  
Bennington at Williamstown.  
Drury at Adams.

**Wednesday, June 1**  
Bennington at Pittsfield.  
St. Joseph's (P) at Williamstown.

**Friday, June 3**  
St. Joseph's (P) at Pittsfield.  
Williamstown at Drury.  
Dalton at Adams.



## ABOUT THE BERKSHIRES

WITH ED TOOLE

The Berkshires have long been noted as a hot-bed for baseball, but during the past week the "white-heat" that rose from the Pittsfield Junior City League meetings was sufficient to dry out any five diamonds in the county. And after the smoke of battle had cleared there was but one definite point, cleared up... and that was the fact that Chairman Bob Brennan and his City-wide baseball committee were "told" by Superintendent Jack Perry of Parks and Recreation... his 20 minute monotone address to the committee as a whole made them forget all the "fire works" that they had promised to set off at the session... as a matter of record the group did more sounding off outside the building afterwards... but still the fact of the matter stood that Perry had ruled that the franchise in the All-American Junior Baseball Tournament was held by the Park and Recreation Department... that his office would establish the policy and rules of the league... and that there would be no player allowed in the Junior City circuit who didn't live, sleep and eat within the boundaries of Pittsfield and Lanesboro for a period of 30 days before the opening date of the schedule.

In a polite way, Perry let the committee know that they were asked by the department to assist and advise, especially in raising funds... and at no time were they, or will they be, asked or permitted to establish the policy of the Park Department... he calmly but firmly stated that he, nor the department, would never sanction the use of out-of-town players in the Park Leagues, for once the bars were dropped any number of outsiders could be brought in and thereby deprive the boys of the City of Pittsfield from having the opportunity to compete in the loop... clarifying the stand made in regards to the personnel of the Speed Skating Club, Perry stated that the few outsiders were brought in to assist in the improvement of local youngsters and at no time was there a question of Pittsfield youngsters being deprived of the opportunity to compete, as would be the case in baseball.

This question of eligibility in the Junior City League has been a smoldering one during the off season "hot-stove" league... and just about when it appeared as though the whole matter would erupt in the Citywide baseball committee meeting, Jackson Perry strode calmly into the picture... offered the department's heart-felt appreciation, and apologies... and after delivering his ultimatum rolled with every attack that was directed at his chin... and finally after informing everyone involved that his policy would not be changed, he excused himself, and without even carrying a motion to adjourn the group of committeemen "slowly walked away."

Both Pat Cloffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail Juniors, and his coach, Ray Goodrich, charged that the Park Department's operation of the Junior City League a year ago amounted to a farce, and as far as it promoting baseball for youngsters it was anything but good promotion... Both pressed the point that the BR Club had used out-of-town players in 1947 and 1948 when they were the representatives from Pittsfield at the Johnstown, Pa., round robin... and that they felt the way to create added incentive was to bring the All-American Trophy back to Pittsfield this summer... and in order to do it their team needed strengthening at three or four positions and that is why they were insisting on using "Red" Bakey and Ed Lawton of North Adams and Jimmy DelGrande of Great Barrington... summing up his argument, Cloffi told Perry that he was merely asking him "to walk straight and not to be bending over backwards."

## Baseball Economics

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:-

Mr. Jackson J. Perry states that the Department of Parks and Recreation has neither the staff nor the funds to include a few county players in the baseball league. Since the sponsor buys the balls, bats, uniforms, etc., how can their participation increase city spending by one red cent?

May I also ask just how and why Mr. Perry should increase the city staff on account of this? Why is it that Mr. Perry can augment his skating team (and city pay roll) with out-of-town performers but local sponsors of baseball are denied this same privilege?

HENRY S. SENECA,  
276 Dalton Avenue,  
Pittsfield.

Ted Hebler, speaking as a committeeman, suggested that the Park Department stage a tryout... select the best 15 players in the city... enter them as a Department-sponsored club in the Junior City League... and then send the team as the representative of the City of Pittsfield to the All-American Tournament, under the financial sponsorship of the community as a whole rather than by any commercial sponsorship... this suggestion began to gain favor but was dropped quickly when it was pointed out that the Park and Recreation Department was dead against All Star groups being pitted against other local combines.

As an aftermath, the Park Department explained in detail that the All American Committee, headed by Glenn L. Martin, did give a ruling that the only requirement they demanded was that a player perform with the team at

least five times during their league schedule... BUT it was also stated by the AABA heads that eligibility, rules and constitutions of leagues holding a franchise were left entirely in the hands of those that had been granted a franchise... in this instance it is the Pittsfield Park and Recreation Department... thus it is that the "flame was put out, but the fire continues to smolder... and as where there's smoke, there's fire—it will be surprising to no one if the whole business erupts again in a not too distant time.

## Youth Hostels Planned for Local Area

### Steering Group Named To Encourage Overnight Facilities

A steering committee will be formed soon to encourage hostels in this area. Nucleus of the committee will be eight representatives who attended the initial meeting in the Council Chamber last night to hear American Youth Hostels described by Wynn A. Nelson and Benton P. Cummings, regional and national representatives, respectively. They also showed movies of youth hosteling.

The steering committee in turn will form a local council to help found and improve hostels near Pittsfield in an attempt to link up with chains in the Connecticut Valley, north-eastern Connecticut and Vermont.

The hostel is a simple overnight accommodation for those who travel "under their own steam," by hiking, biking, skiing, canoeing or horseback riding. Hostellers furnish their own food, locomotion and utensils, with the hostel supplying only overnight facilities.

### England Has Best System

Mr. Cummings explained there are about 25,000 hostels in the world, with England having the best-developed system. They are run by people interested in encouraging outdoor activities for youth as a community benefit, since there is very little money to be made.

Representatives and their organizations present last night were: James N. Stack, Boy Scouts; Mrs. Frank A. Skogsberg, Girl Scouts; Mrs. Alfred E. Clark and Mrs. Roger Hartman, both of the American Legion Auxiliary; Miss Lucille Burbank, children's library of the Berkshire Athenaeum; A. W. Pierce, Women's Club; Walfrid T. Victoreen, Boys' Club; and Miss Betty E. Kingsley, Girls' League.

Mr. Nelson explained there are about 30 hostels in New England. Eastern Massachusetts has a good number of stops, but there are none in this area. He added that every summer national headquarters gets hundreds of calls from people interested in attending the Tanglewood Festival via hostels. The national headquarters was moved April 1 to New York City from Northfield where it was founded in 1934.

The hostels nearest to this area are in Sheffield and Kent, Conn. Before World War II there was one in Lanesboro at the Wilbur Farm near Secum Brook, and Mr. Nelson is checking on the possibility of reopening it. He will remain in Berkshire County for a couple days to check with people in Lee, Tyringham, and Millbury who have notified him they are interested in operating hostels.

Mr. Nelson mentioned that a group is forming in Worcester, one has been started in Amherst, and Springfield already has a hostel. Others are planned in the Albany-Schenectady, N.Y., area to extend the chain of 12 in western New York State.

### Miss Duggan To Speak

Miss Elinor J. Duggan, Park Department supervisor of women's and girls' activities, will speak at a meeting of the Briggs PTA, Wednesday evening at 7.45 at the school. There will be an election of officers.



# Park Board Deadlocked On City Baseball Issue

After hearing two hours of conflicting and sometimes stormy testimony last night, the Park Commission held a second meeting this morning but broke up the session without deciding whether out-of-town baseball players may compete in the Junior City Baseball League this summer.

## Next Meeting Undecided

Chairman Monroe B. England said this noon that the commissioners hadn't yet decided when the next meeting on the controversial question will be held.

This morning's hour-and-a-half discussion was closed, after the resigning members of the City-wide Baseball Committee were allowed their say last night.

The meeting last night was held in the Park Department office after seven members of the City-Wide Baseball Committee resigned Friday in protest against Superintendent Jackson J. Perry's ruling that out-of-town players may not compete in the City League.

During the meeting, Superintendent Perry repeated his earlier statements that the department's function was to run a "city league for the kids of the city of Pittsfield." Mr. Perry asserted that his department had neither the staff nor the funds to run a recreation department for the whole county.

While some of the debate rested on technicalities, various former members of the City-Wide Baseball Committee charged that Perry had by-passed them, making them appear "foolish," that the league constitution was invalid, and that the Pittsfield teams would be handicapped in national competition if they weren't allowed to strengthen their teams with a few players from the county.

Appearing in favor of letting county players take part in the league were Robert Brennan Sr., former chairman of the committee, Patrick Cioffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail baseball team, D. Paul Sweeney Jr., Pittsfield sports official, and Roger O'Gara, Eagle sports writer.

## Turner Speaks

Although not a member of the committee, Earl Turner of this city, whose son was a catcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, also supported letting out of town players take part in the league.

While declaring that he had great respect for Mr. Perry, Mr. O'Gara told the commissioners he felt the superintendent had acted in a "despotic and dictatorial manner in this matter."

The league committee members pointed out that two weeks ago they agreed to abide by the decision of All-America tournament officials in deciding the question of eligibility.

With the knowledge of Mr. Perry, the committee wired for a ruling and was informed that out of town players could take part in the league. After receiving the reply, but before the next meeting of the committee, Mr. Perry ruled out of town players ineligible.

Angered over Mr. Perry's "intercession," seven members of the committee resigned Friday, and later requested the Park Commission to hold a hearing to decide whether Mr. Perry's ruling is to stand.

Pointing out that Mr. Perry brought in five out-of-town skaters for the winter carnival this year, Mr. O'Gara claimed the superintendent was "flying in the face of all the rules of logic when he applies one rule for skating and another for baseball."

Mr. Cioffi, sponsor of the Brass Rail, which represented Pittsfield last year at the Johnstown, Pa., tournament, maintained that a few good extra players from the county might make the difference of the championship.

All of the former city committee maintained that a baseball cham-



MRS. GEORGE N. HALPIN  
(Vera M. Gentile)

pionship would bring great credit to Pittsfield and that one way to help win it was to allow the various teams to draw players from the county.

Mr. Perry was questioned at some length on why he allowed Lanesboro boys to play in the league and not boys from Lenox or Dalton. The superintendent replied that as Lanesboro had no high school, the boys from that town had their friends in the city, and that this was the only place where the boys could play on a team. The other towns have their own high schools and their own programs, Mr. Perry asserted.

The dissenters also claimed that the constitution of the league was not valid. As Mr. O'Gara put it, "the constitution is shot full of holes." He maintained that the constitution states the officers of the league should administer policy. Upon questioning, Mr. Perry said that the officers hadn't been elected this year as yet. The team managers have been functioning in their place, the superintendent said, and have voted a new constitution which provides that players in the league must be bona fide residents of Pittsfield, and must have lived here for 30 days before the start of the league.

Mr. O'Gara contended that having the managers act as the officers was not in compliance with the constitution, nor was Mr. Perry's eligibility ruling.

Mr. Sweeney told the committee that the advantage of various players being scouted at Johnstown by major league scouts was a great improvement over the days when he played baseball, and he complimented Mr. Perry for setting up the Junior City League, which sends the winner to Pennsylvania national tournament. However, he agreed with his co-committeemen that county players should be allowed to compete.

In summarizing the city committee's reasons for disagreeing with Mr. Perry, Mr. O'Gara said the public was "overwhelmingly in favor of letting other boys play, so that Pittsfield teams will not be shackled in national competition."

# Elinor Duggan Resigns From Park Post

## Application Open For Women's Supervisor Job

Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department, has resigned effective June 3. The resignation was accepted at last night's meeting of the Park Commissioners. Miss Duggan, a native of Waterford, N.Y., has held the position since last fall. She will be married in June to Richard G. Smith, a student at the University of Wisconsin.

Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, said applications will be accepted now for the position which calls for a woman with minimum age of 25 years and at least two years' recreation experience. The starting salary is \$2800 with yearly increases.

The applicant must be a college graduate or its equivalent with special work in social sciences and recreational activities considered invaluable. Courses in student counseling in departments of education in teacher training schools are well adapted to the job. The duties consist of interpreting the special recreation needs of women and girls and devising a program to meet those needs.

## Age Limit For Tourney Is Changed

The age limit for the All-America amateur baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa., has been changed, John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, has announced. He said that as of this year, the liberalized regulation will be that boys who have not attained their 19th birthday by April 15 will be eligible.

The old rule set June 1 as the deadline.

As far as is known, no Pittsfield players will be affected this spring. But the change will mean another season of competition for Bobby Adeson, the Yale University freshman, who is a regular outfielder and spare pitcher for the Brass Rails. He will be 18 in May. Thus he will be able to play this season and next.

## Clapp Park Staff Meets Tomorrow

The final session of the spring playground institute sponsored by the Pittsfield Junior League and the Park Department will be held at Springside House tomorrow night at 7.30. Miss Lucille Burbank from the Berkshire Athenaeum will conduct a story-telling session and Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department, will handle a session on circle games.

Sixteen volunteer workers of the Junior League were present at last night's session which was opened by Mrs. Everett H. Watson, chairman. Warren U. Sears, accident prevention chairman of the Berkshire County Red Cross Chapter, spoke on safety and John Martin, first aid chairman of the Red Cross Chapter, handled the first aid class. Miss Martha Burt conducted the session on singing games and relays.

The volunteer staff will serve at the Clapp Park playground.

# Venerable Elm In City Park To Be Felled

One of the oldest and biggest of the dozen-odd elm trees that have helped make City Hall Park a Berkshire landmark — will be retired from service tomorrow morning, but Park Department officials gave assurances today that a new one to replace it is already on order.

Earmarked for cutting since last fall, the big tree is almost entirely dead and has been described as a hazard to the health of the other trees in the park. Craig Halvorson, local tree surgeon who will be in charge of the tree's removal, attributes its condition principally to its age, which is estimated at more than 75 years.

"There are no symptoms of Dutch elm disease," he emphasized this morning. "But if we let it stay up it would provide an ideal breeding place for the elm bark beetle, which carries the disease." He added that while there is a good deal of dead wood in other trees in the park, none of them seems to be in immediate need of cutting.

The elm to be removed is on the City Hall side of the park, two trees in from North Street. It will be taken down in two sections to avoid any danger of its falling across East Street.

Superintendent of Parks Jackson J. Perry, whose department has jurisdiction over City Hall Park, said this morning that he hopes to replace the tree with a new one this spring. He added that the cutting was recommended six months ago by Mr. Halvorson but that funds for the job had not become available until the Park Department's 1949 budget was approved last month.

# Record Crowd Of Golden Agers At Legion Party

About 130 people, the largest number to date, attended yesterday's weekly Golden Age Club meeting in the YMCA to enjoy a special program presented by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. August H. Kiligas, chairman of the Auxiliary's committee, handled the program after it was opened by Dr. Charles H. Crowley, president. Mrs. Kiligas directed a community sing and turned the meeting over to Ted Holmes of Station WBRK who directed a quiz program with candy bars and home-cooked food as prizes.

Francis Vezina sang a French song and the following pupils of the Ray Hart Dance Studio entertained the group while tea was served: Judy Needham, Shirley Janssen, Phyllis Gwinnell, Jean Brown, Priscilla Chapman and Robert Spring. Mrs. James E. Hart was accompanist.

Door prizes went to Mrs. Raymond E. Hand, Mrs. Louise S. McGill, James J. Volin and George A. Meyers. The birthday cake donated by Joanne Bakers was won by Orrin S. Clish with a consolation prize of two tickets for a card party to C. W. Welsh.



## Commission Says No to County Boys

### Board's Decision In Controversy Is Unanimous

Only Pittsfield and Lanesboro players will be allowed to participate in the Junior City Baseball League, it was decided last night at a special meeting of the Park Commission.

The unanimous decision of the commissioners follows a long controversy between those who argued all Berkshire County baseball players should be eligible so that the best possible team could be sent to the All-America amateur tournament in Johnstown, Pa., and those who believed the league should be run to provide competition for local players with the tournament a secondary consideration.

Chairman Monroe B. England of the commission issued the following statement "After serious consideration, and after consultations with people interested in athletics in Pittsfield, it is the unanimous opinion of the park commissioners that the best interest of the Junior City Baseball League will be served by confining the players to boys living in Pittsfield and Lanesboro."

Mr. England had no comment to make on the controversy between Jackson J. Perry, superintendent of parks and recreation, and the city-wide baseball committee which argued outsiders should be permitted to play. Most of the committee resigned in protest of an initial ruling by Mr. Perry that only local and Lanesboro boys could play.

## Archey, Bonneau Hurl No-Hitters In Park Leagues

Two no-hit games and a pair of one-hitters featured the opening games of the Midget City and Flea City Baseball Leagues over the week end.

Victor Bonneau, the young skating star, held Layton's Variety without a hit as the Rockets won 11-0 in midget play. Peter Archey didn't permit Ed's Aces a safety in an 11-1 triumph for the Tyler Aces in a flea game.

Both of the one-hitters were in the Flea League. George Gallagher of the Sport Shop allowed only one base knock as the Rainbow Cafe was defeated 5-0. Jimmy Cullerton of the Pittsfield Boys' Club did the same thing in an 18-1 conquest of Bud's Aces.

Other results were as follows: Midget City League: WBEC 7, Kiwanis Club 5; Lakewood Civic Club 13, Morningside Merchants 3; Miller's Welders 21, North Side Aces 4; Flea City League: Pittsfield Tire & Battery 11, Milton Motors 7; Lakewood Civic Club 10, Park Jewelry Aces 1; Crescent Creamery won over Al's Variety by forfeit.

The 1949 initial game figures, compared with those for 1948 and 1947 are as follows:

City	1949	1948	1947
Amsterdam	2,607	3,757	1,357
Gloversville	2,127	1,926	626
Oneonta	1,473	1,891	698
Pittsfield	1,890	1,294	456
Quebec	*6,398	4,727	4,011
Rome	1,412	3,374	990
Schenectady	2,824	5,912	2,523
Three Rivers	2,729	4,080	1,748
Totals	21,460	26,961	12,409

\*New league and opening day attendance record. This was smashed the next day when 7881 was official attendance.

## Grandstand At Wahconah Given Boost

Prospects for prompt construction of a grandstand at Wahconah Park were given a big boost at City Hall this morning as Mayor Capeless announced he is forwarding final estimates on the project to the Capital Outlay Committee for "speedy action."

These estimates, submitted to the mayor yesterday by the Park Commission, set the price of a 1500-seat grandstand, with press box included, at \$83,000. The Hussey Manufacturing Company, a North Berwick, Me., concern, prepared the estimates after an exhaustive engineering survey of the proposed site.

In addition to the \$83,000, another \$24,000 would be necessary for construction of under-the-stand shower rooms, toilet facilities, and concession booths, according to the Hussey engineers. This would bring the total cost to \$107,000.

Mayor Capeless said this morning however, that the Park Department recommendation is for immediate action on the grandstand itself, so that work can begin next fall as soon as the Pittsfield Indians have completed their baseball schedule at Wahconah. The interior facilities would be provided at a later date, if such a procedure were adopted.

To build the stand itself, an appropriation of only \$9000 would be needed on the basis of the Hussey Company estimates. This is because the city already has a fund of \$74,000 which was allotted to the now-defunct Grandstand Commission two years ago and is still earmarked for the Wahconah project.

This \$74,000 was never used because, when bids were solicited for the grandstand last fall, the only company to name a price wanted \$210,000 for the job—a development that proved so discouraging that the Grandstand Commission was subsequently disbanded at its own request. Later, the Hussey Company, which had not bid on the job originally, told the Park Department that the cost could be considerably reduced by redrawing the plans, and the company was authorized to go ahead with an engineering survey and estimates.

Assuming that the Capital Outlay Commission, the mayor, and the City Council all take favorable action on the proposed appropriation for the grandstand, the city will still have to open the job to competitive bidding. Although it is probable that the Hussey Company would be the low bidder under such circumstances, it is understood that the specifications will not be such as to preclude the possibility of other bidders.

## DeMaria Asks Boxing Dates For Wahconah

Joe DeMaria, Springfield boxing promoter, will call the Park Department Monday to clarify his request for eight professional boxing cards at Wahconah Park this summer. Mr. DeMaria had called Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, Tuesday, requesting dates beginning in middle June.

While the park commissioners were in special session last night they received a telegram that Mr. DeMaria would be unable to attend. Action was deferred until more details can be obtained. Although Mr. DeMaria did not state so specifically, Mr. Perry believes the matchmaker is representing himself.



**END OF A LANDMARK:** Balanced nearly 100 feet above City Hall Park, an employee of the Craig Halvorson tree surgery service makes preliminary cuts in a 75-year-old elm that has been marked for removal. One of the largest of the dozen-odd elms in the park, the tree is almost completely dead and has been described as a potential breeding spot for dread Dutch elm disease. Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry said this morning that a new tree to replace the fallen veteran is on order from the Adams Nursery.

## Coats Switched At Square Dance

The Park Department's weekend square dance involved more than switching of partners, but according to latest reports everything has turned out all right.

Harold Drumm of 292 Connecticut Avenue reported to Pittsfield police that he left his coat on a chair at the Saturday night dance and someone took it, leaving another in its place.

His coat contained his bankbook from the Lee National Bank and a pair of glasses. Although the switch appeared to be an honest mistake, for a time Mr. Drumm was quite anxious to make the switch-back, for the coat he had contained neither glasses nor bank book.

The happy ending was found on the police blotter yesterday where appeared the words: "Coat Returned."

## Projects Planned To Boost Clapp Park Attendance

Several features are planned for this week at the new Clapp Park spring playground to boost attendance even higher than the 2610-mark attained last week. William A. Troy, director, said 1010 boys, 1100 girls and 500 adults used the park facilities.

A nature club was organized yesterday afternoon at 4 for boys and at the same hour this afternoon one will be formed for the girls. A skip-rope contest will be held later this week. Miss Glenys L. Thompson is leader.

Four teams have joined the pee wee league for boys 12 years old and under. Directors will be Richard Murdock and Cyril Gorman. Teams, their managers and captains, follow: Minnows, Charles Troy and Robert Gallagher; Fleas, Joseph Spatafora, Gerald Theboda; Colts, Gordon Pollard, William McGowan; Cubs, Harry Wesley, Peter Cimini.



# Hoskins and Hutson Belt Homers as

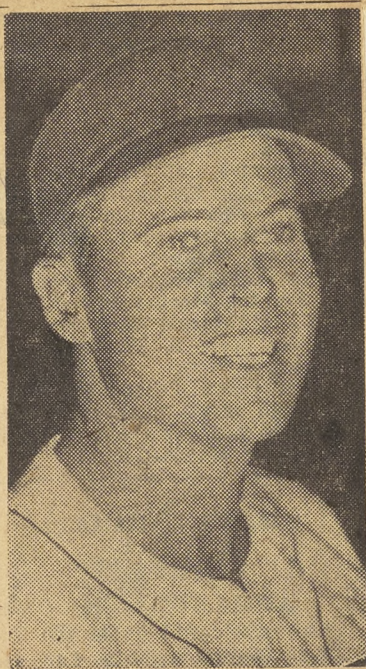
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## Murray Picked To Twirl Against Royals Tonight

*Crowd of 1890 Cash Customers Thrilled  
By Indians' Heavy Hitting in Season's  
Inaugural—Masuga Goes Route*

By JOHN M. FLYNN  
Sports Editor of The Eagle

Don Hoskins, Pittsfield catcher, blasted a 370-foot homer over the left field fence at Wahconah Park last evening and as things turned out it provided more than enough tallies to win the ball game as the Indians opened the Canadian-American League season by defeating Three Rivers 8-1. That blow came in the second inning and in the next frame, Bud Hutson, Indians' left fielder, cleared the barrier in left center about 400 feet from home plate with one man on base to provide more joy for the 1890 cash customers.



Bud Hutson

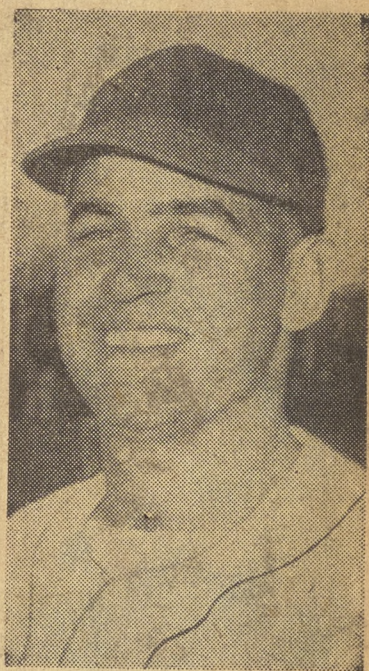
## Indians Defeat

## Three Rivers

8-1



**SEASON'S INAUGURAL IMPRESSIVE:** Mayor Robert T. Capeless shows best pitching form of all chief executives, who have stepped to the mound here in many years, as he hurls the first ball to start the Canadian-American League race on its merry way at Wahconah Park last evening. Don Hoskins, Indians' catcher, thrilled the crowd with a 370-foot homer over the left field fence with two mates on the sacks in the second inning for the initial scoring of the contest in which Pittsfield triumphed 8-1 over Three Rivers. In the third frame, Bud Hutson, Pittsfield's left fielder, socked a 400-foot homer after his pilot, on base, had given him signal to hit with count three balls and no strikes.



Don Hoskins

## Six Outfits Ready To Go In Softball

Six teams were represented last night at the organization meeting of the Businessmen's Softball League in the Parks and Recreation Department office. The managers voted to open the season Monday night. All games will be played at Deming Field.

The entries include O'Brien's, the Moose Club, Del Gallo's, Mt. Carmel, Bnai Brith and the Eagle Cafe.

Additional entries will be accepted up to Thursday night at 7.30, when rosters and entry fees must be submitted. Managers will meet that evening at the Parks and Recreation Department office.

## Pee Wee Hits Fifth Homer

Even though little Ray Killackey of the Cubs hit his fifth homer of the season, the Minnows won 8-7 in a Pee Wee Baseball League game Tuesday afternoon at Clapp Park. The league, which is conducted under the direction of Bill Troy, is composed of four teams of boys 12 years of age and under.

Donny Wasauk, Ken King and Gerald Thebedo all had two hits each for the winners. Deb Sykes went the distance on the mound for the Minnows, and Harry (Runt) Wesley pitched for the losers.

## Plans Listed For Opening Of City League

City Baseball League managers, meeting last night at the Polish Community Club, decided that they would have the season opener this week end barring a run of bad weather.

The Dalton Community House and the FMTA will be the opponents on the Common Saturday afternoon at 2. If rain interferes, the contest immediately will be rescheduled for Dalton's Pine Grove Park Sunday afternoon at 2.

## Jump of 8844 In Attendance Here Over 1948

The Pittsfield Indians have drawn 13,645 cash customers at Wahconah Park so far this season. They have had 13 games scheduled over the period and all have been held. One game with Oneonta was postponed but it was put on later as a part of a double-header. Thus there have been 12 attractions. Last year, over a similar period, there were six postponements and the total attendance was only 4801. Thus the Indians have drawn 8844 more fans so far this season.

## Bleachers Request Sent to Committee

A Park Department request for 1000 new bleachers was submitted to Mayor Capeless this morning and will be forwarded to the Capital Outlay Committee for further consideration. The cost of the bleachers is estimated at about \$5000.



## Organized Recreation Essential, Says De Marche

"Organizing community resources for recreation is a vital need today, as well as a national concern and national economic factor," Dr. David De Marche, director of community interest of the faculty of Springfield College, told a luncheon meeting of the Pittsfield Council of Social Agencies, yesterday.

Emphasizing that recreation costs the American people considerably more than \$5 billion yearly, Dr. De Marche told the audience of over 100 social workers that "recreation is essential."

As an example he cited the great efforts which were made during the war for recreation both in the services and for the workers in this country. "USO alone cost over \$2,000,000 a year and on the home front over 4,000,000 people lent their time to organize and direct community activities designed to relieve the strain of wartime living.

### No Panacea for Crime

One of the most common misconceptions among community social workers is that recreation alone can cure juvenile crime. Dr. De Marche mentioned the youth canteens organized all over the country as an example of the type of project which must be carried on with even greater vigor in these postwar years but he insisted that, "recreation alone is no panacea for juvenile delinquency."

The job of the social workers in any community is to act as the pioneer in starting various activities, but they must then be willing to turn over their jurisdiction to public agencies when the way has been made clear. "Petty bickering between agencies over jurisdiction and a reluctance to give up jobs

once they are started even if some agency is created with the sole purpose of doing that job, has caused more good work to be wasted than any other single thing I know," he said.

### Outlines Agency Functions

Dr. De Marche outlined the functions of the agencies such as already exist in Pittsfield, which he commended for the amount of activities already sponsored. First, it is the job of the public agencies to provide the major facilities such as playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, etc. Secondly, it is the responsibility of both the public and private volunteer groups to provide leadership and equipment for adult activities.

Thirdly, group activities among younger people should, by their nature, be much smaller, and it is therefore the purpose mainly of the volunteer organizations to see that leadership is provided. Lastly, it is the sole responsibility of the private groups, operating independently of the government's agencies, to provide the extremely specialized type of guidance needed by certain people who lack the necessary ability to amuse themselves at all.

In conclusion Dr. De Marche appealed for greater reference between social agencies which in many cases have no real idea of the offerings of other groups and, therefore, do not use them.

## Planning Board Gets Survey of Lyon's Beach 5/11

Proposals for city acquisition of Lyon's Beach on Pontoosuc Lake moved a step nearer final decision today as the Public Works Department announced that it has delivered an engineering survey of the waterfront property to the Planning Board.

The survey was ordered by the Planning Board in January after the City Council had referred to the board a petition asking the city to take over Lyon's Beach "by eminent domain or any other way possible." The petition was filed by some 250 Pontoosuc residents who objected to plans for filling in the beach area to make a parking lot for the Lakeview Restaurant of 1653 North Street.

The Public Works Department survey shows the property lines at the beach site, and will be used by the Planning Board to determine what part of the land could legitimately be taken over by public domain proceedings. No date has been set yet for the board's next meeting.

## Playground Program On WBEC Tomorrow

After the broadcast of the baseball game tomorrow afternoon, WBEC will present a special program concerning the Park Department's demonstration spring playground program.

This plan is new, and is being conducted jointly by the Junior League and the Park Department as an experiment to provide grammar and junior high school children with park facilities earlier in the year than is usual.

Mrs. J. Scribner Allen and Mrs. Everett Watson, representing the Junior League, and Jackson J. Perry of the Park Department will discuss the details. The broadcast probably will start at 4.

## Jobs Still Open At Park Department

Applications for summer playground positions still are being accepted at the Park Department, with those interested in arts and crafts and archery especially welcome. So far only two have applied for arts and crafts and one for archery. There will be one appointment for each of those jobs. Interviews for some of the summer positions were given last night, but no appointments were made.

## Junior Teams Meet Tonight At Clapp Park 5/10

DeMolay and St. Mark's will play their first Junior City Baseball League games of the season at Clapp Park tonight at 6.

Umpires will be Shaun Meehan and Mike Molkoski.

## Four Players, Coach Healy Attend Clinic 5/7

Four members of the Hollywood Restaurant B junior baseball team and their coach, Dan Healy, today are attending the Brooklyn Dodgers' clinic at Springfield College.

They are Jimmy Garivaltis, John Krieger, Joe Shepard and Frank Devanny. Coach Healy had four places, and a drawing was held at the team's banquet Thursday night to see who would make the trip.

Bob Boyd, former Dalton High coach, also is attending the sessions. George Sisler, one-time St. Louis Browns' star, is in charge of the program.

## Swim Positions Filled by Park Board

Twelve appointments and two alternates for summer swimming positions were approved at Monday night's meeting of the Park Commissioners, leaving only one position to be filled, that of a male part-time attendant.

Miss Barbara Ducharme, last year's instructor, was reappointed. Bernard Hubbard, who was beachmaster the last five weeks of 1947, has the same position now. For life guards at Pontoosuc there are: John Ryan, Richard Somerville, Robert Caird, Cyrus Henry and Byron Filkens, with Robert Skole as alternate.

Miss Nancy Leavitt will be life guard at Crane pool, and Miss Edna Cornelius for Springside Park, with Miss Virginia Gilbert as alternate. George Frank and Miss Charlotte Myers are full-time bath attendants, with Miss Sylvia Shea as one of the part-time workers.

Besides James H. Thompson as supervisor of aquatics and Edmond J. Mongeon as chairman, the following people were on the swimming staff committee which selected the workers: Mrs. Mark Viale, Mrs. Howard T. Goodrich, Mrs. Charles R. Goodrich, Mrs. Richard A. Decelles, Mrs. John Ellis, Mrs. James E. Keegan, Mrs. Dorothy Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Garnish, the Misses Phyllis Riehl and Jean I. Morgan, Howard T. Townsend, Clifford Boyer and John T. Carmody. Following precedent, the names of the committee were not publicized until after the appointments were approved.

## Junior League Has Three Games On Opening Card 5/7

Play in the Junior City Baseball League will start tomorrow afternoon with three games on two fields. Opening ceremonies will be conducted at both places.

There will be a double-header at Clapp Park. The Hollywood Grill B's will oppose the Wahconah Indians in the first game at 2. In the second contest, the East Side Cafe will meet Red's Dairy Bar of Lanesboro. At Deming Field at 2, Notre Dame will go against the Pittsfield Sporting Goods.

William Carrigan and George Austin, members of the Park Commission, will serve as the honorary pitcher and catcher, respectively, at Clapp. Francis Douglas, vice-chairman of the city-wide junior baseball committee, will pitch and Harry Smith, committee treasurer, will catch at Deming.

Umpires will be Bill Vickery and Al Bianchi at Clapp, Joe Harrison and Fred Holden at Deming.

### Would Book Attractive Bouts

Joe DeMaria of Springfield, who has petitioned the Park Department for the use of Wahconah Park several nights during the summer for professional boxing cards, can be counted on to furnish interesting attractions in event he gets the permit. In 1946 Joe showed Sam Baroudi here several times and large crowds attended. Last year he was identified with the Meadowbrook Arena, North Adams, and lively bouts were held there.

For a long time Joe has been identified with the boxing game. He knows his way around and is in a position to schedule scrappers of recognized ability. I hope that his petition is granted. There is much interest here in professional boxing.

## American Legion Model Boat Races To Be July 11

The annual model sailboat races sponsored by the American Legion's Berkshire Voiture, 40 and 8, will be the afternoon of July 11 at 2 on Pontoosuc Lake. In announcing the change from Springside Park where the races formerly were held, Chairman Jacob Skole said there is more chance of getting a favorable breeze at the lake than at Springside, which is sheltered.

Boys and girls up to 16 years of age may compete with either home-made or purchased boats. Prizes will be awarded for winners in classes of boats: Up to 20 inches; from 20 to 30 inches; 30 to 40 inches; and 40 to 50 inches; and a free-for-all class. The winners will be given an opportunity to compete in the state finals later.

Twelve boys of Troop 23 in Great Barrington are making models under supervision of their scoutmaster, Charles Schneider, and instructions of Howard S. Williams, both of Great Barrington. Mr. Williams became 80 years old last Tuesday.

## Playground Opens Monday At Clapp Park

### Junior League Assisting With Six-Week Program 5/10

The spring playground at Clapp Park will open Monday at 3 P.M., and remain open until dark. The Junior League in co-operation with the Parks and Recreation Department is making the six-week program possible.

William A. Troy was appointed director of the playground, and Glenys L. Thompson, will serve as leader. The Junior League will provide two volunteers daily, to supplement the leadership.

The spring playground will open with a treasure hunt Monday afternoon. Plans for the rest of the season will be announced at a later date.

## Shut-in Sale Succeeds

A total of \$51.63 was brought in on the week-end sale of articles made by shut-ins. The sale was in Newberry's on Friday and in Mary & Zell's on Saturday. The sale was conducted by members of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, with proceeds being returned to the 10 shut-ins who made the articles. Similar sales are planned for the future. 5/10

## Clapp Park Events 5/10

A skip rope contest and hot dog roast are scheduled for Clapp Park tomorrow afternoon and night for those attending the new spring playground. Miss Glenys L. Thompson, leader, will handle the rope-skippers at 4 and William A. Troy, director, will be in charge of the hot-dog-eaters at 6. Additional information is available at the Park Department.



# Legion League Season Will Open June 8

Record Number Of 10 Teams From County Entered 5/8

The Berkshire County American Legion Junior Baseball League season will open June 8 and there will be 10 teams in the loop which will be divided into Northern and Southern Berkshire divisions for schedule purposes. The county championship must be decided by July 18.

In the Northern Berkshire division are two Pittsfield teams, North Adams, Adams and Dalton. In the Southern Berkshire group are Stockbridge, Great Barrington, Sheffield, Housatonic and Lee.

Al Turner of Lee is the county athletic officer for the Legion and there will be much activity on the diamond as 10 teams is the largest number ever in the county loop.

The schedule:

June 8—Stockbridge at Great Barrington, Housatonic at Sheffield, North Adams at Adams, Pittsfield (SJ) at Dalton.  
June 10—Sheffield at Stockbridge, Lee at Housatonic, Dalton at Adams, Pittsfield (PH) vs Pittsfield (SJ).  
June 12—Stockbridge at Housatonic.  
June 13—Adams at Pittsfield (SJ).  
June 14—North Adams at Pittsfield (PH).  
June 15—Stockbridge at Lee, Adams at Pittsfield (PH), Great Barrington at Sheffield, North Adams at Dalton.  
June 17—Great Barrington at Housatonic, North Adams at Pittsfield (SJ), Lee at Sheffield, Pittsfield (PH) at Dalton.  
June 18—Adams at North Adams.  
June 19—Great Barrington at Stockbridge, Sheffield at Housatonic, Dalton at Pittsfield (SJ), Pittsfield (PH) at Lee.  
June 22—Adams at Dalton, Pittsfield (SJ) vs Pittsfield (PH), Stockbridge at Sheffield, Housatonic at Lee, North Adams at Great Barrington.  
June 24—Pittsfield (SJ) at Adams, Pittsfield (PH) at North Adams, Housatonic at Stockbridge, Lee at Great Barrington, Dalton at Sheffield.  
June 26—Lee at Stockbridge, Sheffield at Great Barrington, Dalton at North Adams, Pittsfield (SJ) at Housatonic.  
June 27—Pittsfield (PH) at Adams.  
June 29—Housatonic at Great Barrington, Pittsfield (SJ) at North Adams, Dalton at Pittsfield (PH), Sheffield at Lee, Adams at Stockbridge.  
July 1—Stockbridge at North Adams, Great Barrington at Adams, Housatonic at Dalton, Sheffield at Pittsfield (SJ).  
July 4—Dalton at Stockbridge, Pittsfield (PH) at Housatonic, Adams at Sheffield, Pittsfield (SJ) at Lee.  
July 6—Housatonic at Adams, Pittsfield (SJ) at Stockbridge, Lee at North Adams, Great Barrington at Pittsfield (PH).  
July 8—Adams at Lee, Pittsfield (PH) at Stockbridge, Dalton at Great Barrington, North Adams at Sheffield.  
July 10—North Adams at Housatonic, Pittsfield (SJ) at Great Barrington, Lee at Dalton, Sheffield at Pittsfield.

## Driveway To Be Fixed At Springside Park

Superintendent of Parks Jackson J. Perry has awarded a \$1067 contract for repairs to the driveway of the Stevens House at Springside Park to W. E. Williams of this city.

## Golden Agers Hit New High 5/18

Yesterday's summer-like weather brought such a large crowd to the Golden Agers' regular weekly meeting in the YMCA that it overflowed from the auditorium across the hall into Room B.

Eighteen new members joined boosting attendance to 165, which is 15 more than the last recorded high. There has been a steady climb in attendance since the weather has improved. Flowers donated by local florists were sent to Napoleon Dumas who is ill, and the birthday cake went to Mrs. Johanna Schmidt. Mrs. Nina Lee

sang a solo and a dance session was conducted. Mrs. George L. Waterman provided the piano accompaniment.

Refreshments donated by local merchants were served by the College Club members and Miss Elinor J. Duggan of the Park Department, cosponsors of the club. Anyone 65 or older is welcome to attend the free meetings.

## East Siders Score Upset Over Hollywood

JUNIOR CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct.	
Notre Dame	2	1	.667	
Eastside Cafe	2	1	.667	
Hollywood B	2	1	.667	
St. Mark's	1	1	.500	
Pittsfield Sporting Goods	1	1	.500	
Wahconah Indians	1	1	.500	
DeMolay	1	2	.333	
Red's Dairy Bar	0	2	.000	

The East Side Cafe upset the Hollywood Restaurant B Team 7-2 in the feature of a three-game Junior City Baseball League program yesterday afternoon. In the other contests, Notre Dame downed DeMolay 8-1 on Russell's one-hitter and the Pittsfield Sporting Goods defeated Red's Dairy Bar 11-6.

DiMassimo effectively spaced six hits as he held the Hollywoods scoreless for five innings. Crespi led the East Side attack with a pair of distance triples. Bogino had three hits for the winners.

Russell fanned 14 men as he shackled the DeMolay team. Ferriss had a home run and a single for Notre Dame.

Heidel, with three singles, was the big gun for the Pittsfield Sporting Goods team, which is being coached by Charley Mougin, former St. Joseph's High athlete.

The score:

Pitts. Sport Goods					Red's Dairy				
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
Heidel, lf	5	3	0	0	K'fther, 3f	4	2	3	0
Shogry, 2f	4	0	1	2	M. Brown, 5f	4	1	1	0
Miller, rf	3	1	0	0	Kidder, 2f	0	0	0	0
M'leone, rf	1	0	0	0	Thompson, 2f	2	0	0	2
Hart, 3f	3	1	2	0	Bailey, cf	0	0	0	0
K'nowski, cf	4	1	1	0	Pytko, cf	3	1	0	0
Soutier, 1f	0	2	1	0	B. Brown, rf	4	2	0	0
N'dham, cf	0	0	1	0	Bugbee, c	0	0	0	2
Farrell, cf	1	0	0	0	Denno, lf	3	0	0	0
Perrone, lf	1	0	5	0	Saldo, p	2	0	0	2
Delphia, p	3	1	0	0	Rose, p	0	0	0	0
					Climont, 1f	0	0	0	0
					Pavero, 1f	2	1	4	0
					Chapman, p	1	1	1	0
	26	7	21	4		29	8	21	7

Pittsfield Sporting Goods... 300 004 4-11  
Red's Dairy... 002 100 3-6

Runs, Heidel, Shorey, Hart, Kryznowski, Soutier, 2, Needham 2, Perrone, Delphia 2, Kilfeather, M. Brown, Pytko, Denno, Saldo, Chapman, Errors, Miller, Kryznowski, Needham, Farrell, Perrone, Kilfeather 2, M. Brown, Thompson, Pytko, Denno, Three-base hits, Kilfeather, Pytko. Base on balls, off Delphia, Rose 3, Saldo 9. Hits, off Rose, 0 in 1 inning; Saldo, 3 in 6. Losing pitcher, Chapman. Umpires, Harrison and Holden.

Notre Dame					DeMolay				
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
Albert, 2f	3	1	1	0	Weitman, 3f	3	0	3	1
Hatin, 2f	1	0	0	0	Betz, cf	1	0	1	0
Principe, lf	3	1	0	0	Chester, lf	3	0	0	0
Ferris, s	4	2	0	1	Agar, 1f	3	1	6	0
Lavante, cf	4	1	0	0	McGill, c	3	0	3	0
M'hney, rf	3	1	1	0	Rose, rf	2	0	0	0
Cobb, 1f	1	1	6	0	Trhanas, p	2	0	0	1
Quinlan, 3f	2	0	1	0	B'wool, 3f	2	0	0	4
Rafferty, c	3	0	12	2	W'knecht, 3f	2	0	0	5
Russell, p	1	1	0	1	Sleeper, rf	0	0	0	0
	25	8	21	5		21	1	18	6

Notre Dame... 510 200 -8  
DeMolay... 000 100 0-1

Runs, Albert, Principe, Ferris 3, Lavante 2, Mahoney, Betz, Errors, Chester 2, Burwood 2. Three-base hit, Lavante. Home run, Ferris. Stolen bases, Albert 2, Ferris, Lavante, Mahoney 3, Cobb 2, Quinlan, Russell. Left on bases, Notre Dame 5. Base on balls, off Trahanas 7, Russell 2. Struck out, by Trahanas 2, Russell 14. Hits, off Trahanas, 6 in 8 innings. Wild pitches, Trahanas 2, Russell 3. Balk, Trahanas. Passed balls, McGill, Rafferty 2. Losing pitcher, Trahanas. Time, 1h, 45m.

Eastside Cafe					Hollywood Five				
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
Guisti, rf	5	2	0	0	Dascani, cf	3	0	0	0
Bogino, s	5	3	0	0	Stewart, 3f	2	2	2	2
Montini, 1f	4	2	0	0	M'mano, lf	1	0	0	0
Chepi, cf	4	2	3	0	Murdock, lf	3	1	1	0
Q'letti, 2f	4	1	1	2	JG'valtis, c	3	0	8	0
Ross, lf	4	1	1	0	Ferguson, rf	1	0	1	0
Riello, 3f	4	0	4	2	CG'valtis, r	2	0	0	0
O'Hearn, c	4	2	4	1	Evans, 1f	3	1	6	0
DiMimo, p	4	1	0	2	DeAngelo, 2f	2	0	1	0
					Gorman, 3f	3	1	2	1
					Cohen, p	1	1	0	0
					Leslie, p	1	0	0	1
	38	14	21	10		26	6	21	4

Eastside... 001 032 1-7  
Hollywoods... 000 002 0-2

Runs, Bogino 3, Montini 2, Quagletti, Riello, Evans, DeAngelo, Errors, Bogino 2, Riello 3, O'Hearn, Discani, Stewart, Murdock, J. Garivaltis, Evans, Gorman, Three-base hits, Crespi 2, Montini. Base on balls, off DiMassimo 5. Struck out, by DiMassimo 4, Cohen 1, Leslie 6. Hits, off Leslie, 10 in 5 innings; Cohen, 4 in 2. Losing pitcher, Leslie. Umpires, Holden and Harrison.

## Flea League Ready To Go

Six Contests Are Slated for Tomorrow Morning 5/13

The Flea City Baseball League will open tomorrow morning at 9.30, with six games scheduled. Double-headers will be played at three fields.

The slate is as follows: Rainbow Cafe vs Sport Shop, first game on the Common; Al's Variety vs Crescent Creamery, on the Common; Lakewood Civic Club vs Park Jewelry Aces, first game at Clapp Park; Pittsfield Tire & Battery vs Milton Motors, at Clapp Park; Tyler Aces vs Ed's Aces, first game at Deming Field; Pittsfield Boys' Club vs Bud's Aces, at Deming Field.

Twelve teams are entered. They will play one round, with all games on Saturday mornings. At the completion of the regular season, the eight ranking teams will play off for the title.

## Five Outfits Are Enrolled For Softball 5/13

Five teams last night were represented at the organization meeting of the Businessmen's Softball League. Managers of O'Brien's, the Moose Club, Del Gallo's, Mt. Carmel and the Eagle Cafe attended in the Parks and Recreation Department office.

A second session has been scheduled for Monday night at 7.30 at the same place. Managers of 1948 clubs are asked to indicate whether they are interested in continuing in the league.

Monday, May 23, was chosen as the tentative opening date. All contests will be played at Deming Field.

## England, Ray Reappointed To City Posts 5/18

Mayor Capeless today reappointed Monroe B. England to the Park Commission and F. Harris Ray to the Board of Registrars. Both names will be presented to the City Council for confirmation at its meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. England, who was first named to the Park Commission 10 years ago and has served as chairman since 1946, completes his second term with the commission at the end of this month. His new appointment, if confirmed by the Council, will expire in May of 1954.

Mr. Ray's reappointment to the Board of Registrars is a month overdue, as his term officially expired on April 31. His new appointment will run through May of 1953.

Pittsfield Sporting Goods—Bradford Dennis, Louis Krzanowski, John Perrone, Fred Shogry, Harold Soutier, John Hart, Jerry Heidel, John Fogarty, Robert Belair, Joseph Monteleone, Harold Delphia, Dempsey Morris, Robert Needham.

Eastside Cafe—Joseph Trapani, Bruno Montini, Aldo Crispi, Gulliano Guisti, Francis O'Hearn, Joe DiMassimo, Leo Bogino, Robert DiOrlo, Louis Marchetti, Nelson Quagletti, Donald Soule, Richard Ross.

Wahconah All-Stars—Walter Carroll, Francis McMahon, Al Newman, Robert Cieplia, Charles Falkowski, James Driscoll, Larry Barker, Ray Hospat, Richard Mierzejewski, Bernard McMahon, Ronald Boyle, Milton Gardner, Charles McCann.

DeMolay—Gregory Indian, Steve Fralano, Donald Bailey, John Ross, Clayton Sleeper, Richard Miero, Edward Weltman, Paul Wagenknecht, Kenneth Wilde, Robert George, Richard Burnell, James McGill, Fred Chester Jr., Dave Betti Jr., Frank McCarthy.

Red's Dairy Bar—Norman Bailey, Guy Bugbee, John Thompson, Michael Brown, Richard Kidder, Paul Saldo, Carl Rose, Ray Chapman, James Kilfeather, Steve Pytko, Robert Brown, Charles Smith, Hugh Tanno.

## Junior League Lists Rosters And Schedule 117

Season To Open Sunday Afternoon With Three Games

The Junior City Baseball League will open Sunday afternoon with three games.

The first-round schedule was adopted at a meeting of managers last night in the Parks and Recreation Department office. Eight of the ten member teams will compete in the opening half of the schedule. Brass Rail and Hollywood Restaurant A, champion and runner-up, respectively, last season, will be excused from the first round.

They will be put into a four-team series with the ranking two teams of the first round for the right to represent the city in the All-America amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

The opening games Sunday will be as follows: Hollywood B vs Wahconah All-Stars at Clapp Park; Sons of Italy vs Red's Dairy Bar at Clapp Park; Notre Dame vs Pittsfield Sporting Goods at Deming Field.

The remainder of the first-round schedule and the rosters, as released today by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department, are as follows:

Tuesday, May 10  
DeMolay vs St. Mark's ..... Clapp  
Wednesday, May 11  
Hollywood B vs DeMolay ..... Clapp  
Sons of Italy vs Wahconah All Stars, Deming

Friday, May 13  
Notre Dame vs St. Mark's ..... Clapp  
Sunday, May 15  
Hollywood B vs Sons of Italy ..... Clapp  
Pittsfield Sporting Goods vs Red's Dairy ..... Clapp  
Notre Dame vs DeMolay ..... Deming

Tuesday, May 17  
Pittsfield Sporting Goods vs Wahconah A.S. .... Clapp  
Thursday, May 19  
Red's Dairy Bar vs St. Mark's .. Clapp  
Sunday, May 22  
Pittsfield Sporting vs Sons of Italy, Deming  
Hollywood B vs Notre Dame ..... Deming

Tuesday, May 24  
Red's Dairy vs DeMolay ..... Clapp  
Wednesday, May 25  
St. Mark's vs Wahconah All Stars. Clapp  
Thursday, May 26  
Hollywood B vs Pittsfield Sporting Goods ..... Clapp  
Sunday, May 29  
Red's Dairy Bar vs Notre Dame... Deming  
St. Mark's vs Sons of Italy ..... Deming

Monday, May 30  
Wahconah All Stars vs Red's Dairy Deming  
Wednesday, June 1  
Hollywood B vs Red's Dairy .... Deming  
Friday, June 3  
St. Mark's vs Pittsfield Sporting.. Deming  
Sunday, June 5  
Wahconah All Stars vs Notre Dame Deming  
DeMolay vs Sons of Italy ..... Deming

Tuesday, June 7  
Hollywood B vs St. Mark's ..... Clapp  
Wednesday, June 8  
Wahconah All Stars vs Red's Dairy Clapp  
Thursday, June 9  
DeMolay vs Pittsfield Sporting.... Deming  
Friday, June 10  
Sons of Italy vs Notre Dame ..... Deming  
Sunday, June 12 through June 17  
All postponed games will be played during this time.

The Rosters  
Brass Rail—Edward McMahon, William McMahon, Walter Greer, Robert Adeson, William Stumpke, Al Goerlach, Earl Hatch, Robert Murray, Richard Pucko, Winthrop Gregory, William Quadrozzi, John Redington, Joseph Miraglia, Richard Seidel, Robert Brennan.

Hollywood A—Richard Flynn, Joseph Shepard, Joseph Hawbolt, Tony Sachetti, Charlie Sheran, Joseph Zavatario, Joseph Lavelle, John Krieger, Donald Morehead, Joseph DeAngelis, James Russo, Ted Diamond and Ronald Codella.

Hollywood B—Sam Albano, Fred Broderick, Denny Cohen, Dom Discani, Edward DeAngelo, Frank Devanney, William Evans, John Ferguson, Charles Garivaltis, James Garivaltis, Cyril Gorman, Al Leslie, Richard Murdock, John Massimiano, Ted Stewart.

Notre Dame—Fred Hatin, Roy Cobb, Dick Rafferty, Carlo DiNicola, Edward Ferris, Ray Lavante, Jinx Principe, David Quinlan, Tommy Bassett, Leo Albert, Robert Bauros, Donald Gingras.

St. Mark's—William Melle, David O'Donnell, Ray Maloy, Dick Hugabone, Al Chapman, Danny O'Neil, John Horton, Dick Manns, Edward Powers, Ralph Decker, Chester Kordana, William Garrity, Donald Ostrikas, Herb Martin.



# Hollywoods, Indians Win

Garivaltis Boys  
Hit for Circuit  
In 24-2 Triumph

The Garivaltis brothers, Jimmy and Charley, each hit home runs for the Hollywood Restaurant B team in a 24-2 win over DeMolay in a Junior City Baseball League contest last night at Clapp Park. In the other league game at Deming Field, the Wahconah Indians downed the East Side Cafe, 6-3.

The Hollywoods made 10 runs in the first inning. They scored in four of their five turns. The game was called because of darkness at the end of the fifth. Murdock and Evans led the Hollywoods' 14-hit attack with three apiece. DeMolay committed seven errors.

A four-run fourth inning won for the Wahconahs. They were trailing 2-0 entering that turn. Al Newman led the winners at bat with two hits. Crespi had three of the losers' five safeties.

Notre Dame will meet St. Mark's in a league game at Clapp Park tomorrow night at 6.

The score:

Hollywood				DeMolay			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
Discani, cf	2	0	0	Betz, lf	3	2	0
Stewart, s	4	0	0	Busnel, 1b	3	0	1
Gorman, s	0	0	0	Wtman, sp	2	1	1
Murdock, lf	4	3	0	McGill, c	2	0	4
JG'vallis, c	4	1	3	Tolan, 3b	2	0	2
Turner, c	1	2	0	Rose, p	1	0	3
CG'vallis, rf	3	2	0	Mears, cf	2	2	0
Cohen, rf	1	1	0	Cheney, rf	1	0	1
Ferguson, 2b	2	2	0	Sleeper, rf	1	0	0
Evans, 1b	4	3	5	McCoy, 2f	1	0	0
DiAngelo, 2b	1	0	1	Bailey, cf	1	0	0
Albano, p	1	0	0				
Devanny, p	0	0	1				

Hollywood	28	14	15	3	19	3	12	5
DeMolay	1030	38	24	101	00	2		

Wahconah				Eastside			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
Carroll, s	4	1	1	Pelletier, s	4	0	1
Newman, c	3	2	1	Borgino, 2b	4	0	2
M'M'h'n, lf	3	1	4	Montine, 1b	4	1	3
Mezzie, 3b	2	0	1	Crespi, cf	4	3	1
McMa'n, cf	3	1	0	Diorio, 3b	3	3	0
Powski, 2b	2	0	0	Reillo, lf	4	1	2
Barcher, rf	2	1	1	M'chette, lf	2	0	0
Roberts, 1b	2	0	1	O'Hearn, c	0	0	3
Hospot, p	2	0	1	Briggs, p	0	0	0
				Tripanni, p	0	0	1
				Curtis, rf	1	0	0
				Soule, c	1	0	4

Wahconah	23	6	20	5	000	402	—6
Eastside	002	010	0—3				

# 15 Playgrounds To Be Operated This Summer

Two new playgrounds will be opened this summer near Hibbard and Pontoosuc Schools making a total of 15 under supervision. The announcement was made at Tuesday's initial season meeting of the central neighborhood playground council.

The Hibbard area will be entirely new, while the Pontoosuc section will be developed on the lot opposite the school. A playground was operated there in WPA days, and the area has been used by neighborhood groups. This year supervision and equipment will be provided.

Reports on the attendance at the Clapp spring playground experiment were given and the work of the playground interviewing committee was discussed. The committee is expected to announce summer appointments on or about May 20. Still needed are archery instructors and more male applicants.

# Seven Boxing Shows To Be Put on Here

DeMaria To Have  
Wrestling Also  
At Wahconah

Seven boxing and two wrestling dates beginning June 14 at Wahconah Park have been given the Century Sporting Club represented by Joseph DeMaria of Springfield. The agreement was signed by the park commissioners at last night's meeting.

The other dates will be announced later after DeMaria has discussed a switch in dates with Dan Healy of the Hollywood Grill baseball team. DeMaria hopes to stage the bouts on Tuesdays, and the Grill has some of those dates already sewed up. The bouts will be put on every 10 days or so, on any day but Thursday to avoid conflicts with the Meadowbrook Arena matches in North Adams.

A minimum rental of \$75 is guaranteed for the park. If the club nets \$3000, after deducting state and federal taxes, the Park Department will get \$100, and if the net is \$3500, the rental will be \$125, and so on.

The rental includes use of the ring which the department purchased from the Shire City AC for \$500. The ring was acquired as new equipment in the recently-passed budget. Superintendent Jackson J. Perry estimates the ring is worth three times that sum. Under the agreement, the Park Department workers will put up and take down the ring, and clean the area, but the Century Club will supply and set up its own chairs and take care of such expenses as police protection.

# Golden Agers Seek Truman As Member

President Truman will be invited to join the Golden Age Club as an honorary member it was decided by the 150 members who attended yesterday's meeting in the YMCA. The largest crowd so far, 20 more than before, decided to invite the President as a member because he recently celebrated his 65th birthday, the minimum age for joining the local club.

The members were entertained by songs from George A. Meyers and Francis Vezine, jokes by Thomas F. Dumont and Max Liebau, and piano selections by Mrs. Nina C. Lee. The weekly birthday cake went to Mrs. George Root, and the flowers donated by local florists were given to one of the Golden Agers who is ill. Doughnuts, cookies, tea and ice cream from local merchants were served.

# Junior CC Plan Picnic, Field Day

Members of the Junior Country Club will hold a picnic and field day at Springside Park tomorrow night beginning at 6. The teenagers will contribute food for the picnic, and the program will consist of baseball, volleyball, croquet and relays. Dancing will follow at Springside House until 9.30.

Members interested in participating, should sign with Raphaela Cultrera or Eunice O'Brien at Pontoosuc School. Students from other junior highs should notify the Park Department.

# Action Asked For Wahconah Park Stand

Commission  
Hopes for Council  
Decision May 24

Mayor Capeless will be asked to help expedite an appropriation for building the Wahconah Park grandstand before June 15 next year. The Park Commissioners last night announced that most of the plans are ready except for some details on plumbing for the rest rooms and locker area under the grandstand. Leon L. Reed expects to have the information within a day or two and complete details will be given to the mayor then.

Park Superintendent Jackson J. Perry estimates action should be initiated in the next City Council meeting May 24, in order to clear other details so that construction can be started this fall. The mayor announced recently that the Hussey Manufacturing Company of North Berwick, Me., gave him an approximate estimate of \$85,000 for construction of the grandstand only, without the facilities underneath.

The commissioners awarded concession rights at the park to the Massachusetts Sports Service Inc., of Buffalo, N.Y., for all events other than the Canadian-American League baseball games. The agreement is similar to last year's with the department getting 10 per cent of the gross on tobacco, and 15 per cent on other sales. Anthony Crea is the local representative of the company.

Mr. Reed will have the specifications ready and bids will be asked for this week end on the improvement of the entrance to the park and the rest rooms.

# Two Diamond Loops To Hold Sessions

A meeting of the Flea Baseball League will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 at the Park Department office. That loop will open its season Saturday morning with all 12 teams in action.

The Midget City League managers will have a session tomorrow evening at 6.30 in the Park Department office. That league will open its season Sunday afternoon.

# Motorboaters Select Workers For Regatta

James Pennell and Carl J. Fenner have been appointed to handle the program for the Berkshire Outboard Association's July 4 motorboat regatta at Pontoosuc Lake. They were chosen at last night's meeting in the Park Department office.

Others chosen were Howard E. Levernoch and Kenneth Wich to obtain sponsors for the 12-heat competition, and Fred S. Gillis for the drawing of an outboard motor the same day. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Wich are the nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for elections May 24. The group meets every Tuesday night in the Park Department. Attendance is open to anyone interested in motorboating.

Tilton to do her spring cleaning . . . So far as Monroe England's career in the unpaid and mostly thankless job of Park Commission chairman is concerned, seldom has the city received so much for so little . . .

# Anderson Eligible for Marble Finals

20 To Compete  
Saturday, 28th,  
On the Common

Under a new system, 11-year-old Peter Anderson of Redfield School is automatically eligible for the marble tournament finals Saturday the 28th on the Common. The decision to make the defending champ eligible without competing was made yesterday by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department which is co-operating with the School Department in presenting the tournament. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is sponsoring the affair.

In order to qualify, the champ must be in the eighth grade or lower to remain eligible. Eliminations begin Monday to find a champion in each of the 19 schools taking part. The city winner will take part in the state finals to be announced later, and if successful there will go on to the national finals in Pittsburgh, June 22 through 25.

Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory G. Anderson of 37 Buel Street. He has won the championship the last three years, and is in the sixth grade now.

# \$350 Transfer Sought for Wahconah Seats

There'll be no more splintered seats at Clapp Park if Mayor Capeless approves a transfer of funds recommended by the Park Commissioners last night. The commissioners want to use \$350 earmarked for trade of the Park Department truck which has already been purchased at a smaller cost than anticipated.

Since the stand accommodates about 365 people, the cost would be about one dollar a seat. If the seats were purchased outright they would cost about \$4.50 each. The understructure is in good condition and the repairs are needed mostly for the seats and railings.

# Marble Play Starts Monday

School Winners  
To Compete in  
Finals on Common

Eliminations for the fifth annual marble tournament will begin Monday at Coltsville, Crane and Nugent Schools, it was announced today by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department. Eliminations will be completed by the 20th and then the 19 school winners will compete on the Common to select a winner for the state championships which will be announced later.

Entry blanks will be distributed in the schools tomorrow. All boys in the eighth grade or under may compete. Heavy favorite to repeat is Peter Anderson of Redfield School who has been crowned champion of the last three city tournaments.

The winner will be taken to the state finals by a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars which is sponsoring the competition in co-operation with the Park and School Departments.





**KNUCKLING DOWN:** Eleven-year-old Peter Anderson, city marble champ for the past three years, demonstrates knuckling down to some of his Redfield classmates in preparation for the school eliminations which begin Monday. Left to right they are Charles Carlo, Leon Winterkorn, William Hajjar.

## St. Mark's Wins 18-7 on Three Fruitful Turns

St. Mark's had three big scoring innings in drubbing Red's Dairy Bar of Lanesboro 18-7 in a Junior City Baseball League game last night at Clapp Park. The winners made five runs in the first, seven in the second and six in the sixth.

Don Ostrikis led the attack with two hits, including a grand slam home run. Martin and Garrity also had two hits for St. Mark's. Brown made three of the loser's seven safeties.

The score:

St. Mark's					Red's Dairy				
ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a	
Decker, s	1	0	2		K'father, s	1	1	2	2
Martin, cf	4	2	2		MBrown, s	2	0	4	2
Powers, 2	2	1	0		Thompson, 2	2	1	2	3
Kordana, 1	2	0	2		Kidder, 2	1	0	0	0
Chapman, c	1	0	3		Pytko, cf	4	0	1	0
O'Neill, c	0	0	3		EBrown, rf	4	3	0	0
Ostrikis, lf	4	2	0		Danno, lf	3	1	0	0
Garrity, 3	4	2	3		Smith, p	0	0	0	0
Simon, rf	4	1	0		Saldo, p	1	4	0	2
Horton, 1	3	0	5		Bailey, cf	0	0	0	0
Habone, p	3	1	1		Bugbee, c	1	0	5	0
Maloy, p	0	0	0		Rose, 1b	4	1	4	0
	28	9	21	6		26	7	18	9
Red's Dairy					570	006			
St. Mark's					111	100			

## Pee Wee Baseball

The Clapp Park Pee Wee Baseball League opened its season with two games Tuesday afternoon. The league is composed of four teams with an age limit of 12 years.

The Colts defeated the Cubs 11-9, and the Fleas beat the Minnows 8-0. Ray Killackey of the Colts hit two home runs. Gordon Pollard pitched for the winners. Joe Spatafora of the Fleas limited the Minnows to one hit.

## Wahconah Stand Rejected but More Bleachers Okayed

The much bruted Wahconah Park grandstand appeared to be headed for the discard pile again today following a meeting last night of the Capital Outlay Committee. Chairman Frederick M. Myers disclosed that the committee refused to approve plans for the proposed structure "as a capital outlay project."

But the committee didn't leave sports fans without seating space. It approved a petition from the Park Department for 1000 new bleacher seats.

## 32 Youths Proposed for Playground Staff

Names of the 32 youths recommended for summer playground positions were announced today by the city-wide staff committee which made the selections Wednesday night in a four-hour session. So far the committee has spent 16 volunteer-hours in selecting the workers out of 74 applicants—which is more than double the number that applied in 1946, the first year of the citizens' interview committee.

Recommendations follow, with the director listed first and leader second, on the playgrounds:

Supervisor of music and dance, George H. Kelley; director of radio and publicity, Miss Jean Gullinan.  
Clapp Playground—William John Troy, Miss Maura E. O'Brien.  
Common—James H. Mattoon, Miss Anna Walak.  
Coltsville—Miss Marilyn Hughes, William P. Prendergast.  
Coolidge—Albert Bianchi, Miss Roxane Weaver.  
Crane—William F. Magner, Miss Glenys L. Thompson.  
Deming—Joseph P. McGovern, Miss Ellen Zimmer.  
Francis tiny tot area—Jean L. O'Brien, Jo-An Masterson.  
Highland Playground—David H. Green, Miss Claire Rosenfield.  
Hibbard—John H. Goewey, Miss Norma Carosso.  
Osceola—William Flynn, Miss Bertha S. Christenson.  
Pitt Playground—Gordon D. Sargent, Miss Arreta Edmonds.  
Pontoonac Playground—Miss Alice Woods, John J. Mooney.  
Root Playground—Robert K. Bernhard, Miss Marjorie A. Sullivan.  
Springside Playground—Norman Najimy, Miss Priscilla Retallick.  
Wahconah Playground—Frank A. Blowe, Miss Janet M. Ellis.

## Businessmen In Action

The Businessmen's Softball League will open its season at Deming Field Monday night at 6.45, when the Moose Club will oppose O'Brien's.

The league will operate with six teams. Each club will play at least once a week.

Umpires are needed. Compensation will be \$1.50 behind the plate and \$1 on the bases. Applicants should communicate with John Massimiano, director of athletics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Other games next week will be as follows: Tuesday, Eagle Cafe vs Del Gallo's; Wednesday, Bnai Brith vs Mt. Carmel.

## City League Lists Plans For Opener

### In Event of Rain, Game Will Be In Dalton Sunday

City Baseball League officials announced today that in the event of rain Saturday, their league opener will be set for Sunday afternoon at Pine Grove Park in Dalton. Inaugural day opponents will be the FMTA and the Dalton Community House.

If the contest is played on the Common, Mayor Robert T. Capeless probably will throw the first ball at 2. The same starting time will be used if the game is shifted to Dalton.

The first-round schedule was announced today by Secretary Warren (Bobo) Bouchane.

It is as follows: Saturday, Dalton vs FMTA; Tuesday, Majestic Restaurant vs Tyler Aces; Wednesday, Pete's Motors vs Comet Jewelers; Thursday, FMTA vs Majestics; Friday, May 27, Dalton vs Tyler Aces; Tuesday, May 31, Pete's Motors vs FMTA; Wednesday, June 1, Comets vs Dalton; Thursday, 2, Pete's Motors vs Majestics; Friday, 3, Tyler Aces vs Comets; Tuesday, 7, Brass Rail vs FMTA; Wednesday, 8, Dalton vs Majestics; Thursday, 9, Pete's Motors vs Tyler Aces; Friday, 10, Comets vs Majestics; Sunday, 12, Brass Rail at Dalton; Tuesday, 14, Brass Rail vs Tyler Aces; Wednesday, 15, FMTA vs Comets; Thursday, 16, Brass Rail vs Majestics; Friday, 17, Dalton vs Pete's Motors; Tuesday, 21, Brass Rail vs Comets; Wednesday, 22, FMTA vs Tyler Aces; Thursday, 23, Brass Rail vs Comets.

## Playground Leaders To Take Course

DALTON—Miss Eleanor J. Duggan, director of women's and girls' activities for the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department, will instruct a class of 29 volunteer girl playground leaders at the Community House at 7.30 Monday night. Miss Duggan will teach the group games that may be used for the various age levels they will be leading.

## Fogarty Gets Three Hits as His Team Wins

The Pittsfield Sporting Goods nine defeated the Wahconah Indians 7-6 in a Junior City League game at Clapp Park last evening. Fogarty had a double and two singles for the winners.

The score:

Pitts. Sporting					Indians				
ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a	
Heidel, lf	5	2	1	0	Carroll, s	3	1	0	0
Shogry, 2	4	1	2	3	Newman, c	3	0	13	1
Perrone, r	3	0	0	0	F.M.M'n, 1	4	2	4	1
Hart, 3	2	0	1	2	Mezzie, rf	4	0	0	0
Miller, 1	3	1	8	0	BM'M'n, lf	4	1	1	0
Kr'n'ski, c	3	2	5	0	Falk'ski, 3	2	0	0	0
Fogarty, cf	4	3	0	0	Barcher, cf	3	0	0	0
Soutier, ss	3	1	2	0	Roberts, 2	3	1	3	0
Blais, p	4	2	2	4	Hospot, p	3	2	0	3
	31	12	21	9		29	7	21	5

Pittsfield Sporting ..... 120 201 1-7  
Wahconah Indians ..... 000 320 1-6

Runs, Carroll 2, F. McMahon, Falkowski, Barcher, Roberts, Hospot, Miller 2, Kryznowski 2, Soutier, Blais. Two-base hits, Fogarty, Roberts. Three-base hit, Kryznowski. Stolen bases, Heidel 2, Barcher. Double play, Hospot and McMahon and Newman. Base on balls, off Hospot 5, Blais 3. Wild pitches, Blais, Hospot. Umpire, Fleau, Magi. Time, 2:10.

## Healy Lists Big Slate for Hollywoods

### Seven Organizations Have Agreed To Foster Games

Fifteen definite bookings for his Hollywood Restaurant junior baseball teams were announced today by Coach Dan Healy, who at the same time disclosed that seven organizations will foster programs at Wahconah Park.

The Hollywoods will open their season at Amsterdam, N.Y., Sunday, June 12. They will have a double-header at Schenectady Sunday, June 19, before opening their home campaign at Wahconah Park against the New York Junior Eagles Friday night, June 24.

Healy also said that dates are pending with teams in Albany, Troy, Springfield, New Haven, Conn., Bridgeport, Conn., and Manchester, N.H.

He listed the fostering organizations as follows: The Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club, the South Side Production Association, and the Pittsfield Restaurant Dealers' Association.

All home contests on week days will be two-night double-headers starting at 6.45. The lone Sunday twin bill with Philadelphia here Sunday, July 10, will begin at 2.

The complete schedule is as follows: Sunday, June 12, at Amsterdam; Sunday, 19, at Schenectady; Friday, 24, New York Junior Eagles here, Pittsfield Sportsmen's Club, fostering agency; Sunday, 26, at Hartford, Conn.; Thursday, 30, Concord, N.H., here, Restaurant Dealers' Association, fostering agency; Sunday, July 3, at Philadelphia; Monday, 4, at Brooklyn; Saturday, 9, Syracuse, N.Y., here, Kiwanis Club fostering agency; Sunday, 10, Philadelphia, Pa., here, Eagles fostering agency; Thursday, 14, Concord, N.H., here; Monday, 18, Brooklyn Mercurys here, Veterans of Foreign Wars, fostering agency; Tuesday, 19, Brooklyn Mercurys here, South Side Production Association, fostering agency; Monday, 25, Schenectady here; Wednesday, 27, Hartford, here, Knights of Columbus, fostering agency; Friday, 29, Amsterdam here.



# Square Dance Planned for Wahconah

## Tonight's Session To Be in High School Gym

Plans are being pushed for the first annual outdoor square dance festival and callers night at Wahconah Park on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Wahconah Park, under sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. Outstanding callers will be invited to perform under the stars for dancing on the out-field or where the football games are held.

Tonight at 8.30 the square dance scene shifts to the High School gymnasium. Dancers are requested to use the door leading from the driveway at the back entrance of the gym. Former dances were held in the Armory, then the Masonic Temple, and now at the school gym. One hundred forty were on hand last week, and an equally large number is expected tonight. If the number increases to 200, the dances will be continued throughout the summer.

## Bleacher Order For \$5000 Filed by Mayor

An appropriation order of \$5000 to cover purchase of 1000 bleachers for use in the city's park system was filed with the City Council by Mayor Capeless this morning and will be taken up at the Council's meeting this evening.

In a communication accompanying the order, Mayor Capeless stated that the proposed acquisition will bring to 6000 the number of bleachers on hand at the Park Department. About 500 more a year in the future will be necessary to maintain this level, he stated.

The appropriation, if approved tonight, will be included in the Park Department's capital outlay budget for 1949. It has already been referred to the Capital Outlay Committee and was approved by that group at a meeting last Friday.

## Put-Putters Report Tonight at 7.45

The Berkshire Outboard Motor Association will meet tonight at 7.45 in the Parks and Recreation Department offices. Forms have been received from the American Power Boat Association for application to hold the 4th of July regatta on Pontoosuc Lake, with indications that the meet will be approved at an early date. Reports will be given on progress of securing sponsors for the races and on the outboard motor to be given away during the meet. Anyone interested in motorboating is invited.

## Swimming Committee Meets Wednesday

Staff appointments will be completed and alternates selected for this summer's swimming program at a meeting of the city-wide swimming committee in the Park Department. Chairman Edmond J. Mongeon said that plans for the forthcoming season also will be reviewed with James Thompson, supervisor of aquatics.

## Reservations Needed for Picnic Tables

Beginning Monday, reservations should be made at the Park Department for use of picnic areas at Pontoosuc Lake on week ends only. The picnic store will open next Saturday to supply picnickers with items they may need, including additional wood for the fireplaces if needed.

At present, reservations from 10 AM until dark will be needed only for week ends until June 20 when picnickers will be expected to make daily reservations to prevent any one from monopolizing the 40 tables. Reservation slips will be made out at the Park Department to be picked up at the picnic store. There are 14 fireplaces available.

Following last year's system, a small charge will be made for picnic facilities with the money slated for the general fund, at a cost of 10 cents the first hour, 25 cents for two hours, 50 cents for three hours and a dollar for longer periods to avoid squatter sovereignty.

## 165 Golden Agers Sign for Bus Trip Outing

One hundred sixty-five Golden Agers have signed for their all-day bus outing to Bennington on Tuesday, June 14, it was announced at yesterday's weekly meeting in the YMCA. The bus will leave Pittsfield about 10 in the morning and after a visit to the museum in Bennington will return in early evening. Transportation has been made available by donations of local merchants.

About 169 were at the meeting where two movie shorts were shown by Harvey B. Haddad. Membership cards were distributed from a total of 500 contributed by the Eagle Printing & Binding Company. Entertainment included a Mae West imitation by Mrs. Sarah P. Eddy assisted by Stephen J. Burns, with Mrs. Martha Waterman as piano accompanist. George A. Meyers sang and Herbert A. Smith gave harmonica selections. Mrs. Edward D. Dush also sang, with Miss Lois Goss as accompanist.

## England, Ray Appointments Confirmed, 9-1

The mayor's reappointments of Monroe B. England to the Park Commission and F. Harris Ray to the Board of Registrars were confirmed by the City Council last night, in both cases by a vote of 9 to 1.

George A. Purnell was the dissenter on the Ray appointment, and Edward T. McGovern cast the only vote against Commissioner England.

Also confirmed were the reappointments of P. Frank Herbst, Lewis P. Hendershot and Henry M. White to the Board of Special Water Commissioners for three-year terms. No dissenting votes were cast.

Mr. England, whose term on the Park Commission was due to expire Tuesday, will serve for another five-year term. Mr. Ray's new appointment will expire in 1953.

## Junior Bicyclists Meet Tonight

The second organizational meeting of the city-wide bicycling club will be tonight at 6.30 in the Park Department offices. Attendance at the first was held down by a heavy rainstorm. Any children interested in bicycling are invited to register tonight.

## Six Contests Listed in Park Leagues

Six contests are scheduled for tomorrow in two Parks and Recreation Department baseball leagues.

The slate is as follows: Junior City: At 2, Hollywood B vs Notre Dame, at Deming; at 4, Pittsfield Sporting Goods vs East Side Cafe, at Deming; Midget City: At 2, Kiwanis Club vs Layton's Variety, at the Common; at 2, Miller's Welders vs WBEC, at Clapp Park; at 4, Tyler Aces vs Morningside Merchants, at the Common; at 4, North Side Aces vs Lakewood Civic Club, at Clapp Park.

## Greylock Ski Club Declines Bid To Hold National Races

The Mount Greylock Ski Club will not sponsor national ski races here next year, members decided last night.

Due principally to the apathy of members, club leaders agreed at a special session to decline the offer made by Roger Langley, executive secretary of the National Ski Association of America. Mr. Langley wanted to know by June 1 whether the local club would hold the races here in 1950.

President A. Sydney Anderson said that fewer than a quorum attended the meeting.

Last winter's national junior downhill and slalom events, scheduled to be held on Mount Greylock, had to be shifted to Reno, Nev., because of poor snow conditions here. The Mount Greylock Ski Club spent \$156 in organizing the competition after voting sponsorship in order to give local boys and girls an opportunity to take part in a national competition. Later, trophies and awards were shipped to Reno for use there, and the Reno Ski Club paid for them.

## St. Mark's Wins Junior City League Game

St. Mark's defeated Wahconah Indians 7-4 in a Junior City baseball game on Clapp Park last evening. Ostrikis batted in three runs for the winners with a triple in the first inning.

St. Mark's					Wahconah				
ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a	
Decker, s	4	2	4	1	Carroll, s	2	0	0	2
Martin, cf	3	1	3	1	Roberts, c	4	0	1	0
Powers, rf	3	1	0	0	Nyman, c.p	4	2	3	2
Chapman, c	3	0	3	1	Mezzie, cf	4	2	1	0
Ostrikis, lf	3	2	0	0	MM'Ma'n, lf	3	1	2	0
Garrity, 3	3	2	4	1	BM'Ma'n, lf	3	1	2	0
Kordana, 2	3	0	2	2	Hospot, p	3	1	3	1
Horton, 1	3	1	5	1	O'Boyle, 2	0	0	0	1
Mele, p	2	0	0	0	Driscoll, 2	2	0	2	0
					Barouille, rf	0	0	0	0
					B'cher, rf	3	0	2	0
27 9 21 7					27 7 18 6				

St. Mark's ..... 412 000 -7  
Wahconah ..... 020 110 0-4  
Three-base hits, Mezzie, Ostrikis. Stolen bases, Mezzie, F. McMahon, Decker, Garrity, 2. Martin. Double plays, Martin and Horton and Decker; Garrity and Horton. Sacrifice, Garrity. Base on balls, off Hospot 3, Newman 5. Struck out, by Hospot 3, Newman 4, Mele 3. Hits, of Hospot 6 in 2 1-3 innings; Newman 3 in 3 2-3. Hit by pitcher, by Mele (Carroll 2, F. McMahon, O'Boyle). Wild pitches, Mele 3. Losing pitcher, Hospot. Umpires, Holden and Gonzales. Time, 2h.

## Ski Race Funds Raised by Committee

Money raised to organize the national junior ski races planned here last winter was paid by the winter sports committee of the Parks and Recreation Department, not by the Mount Greylock Ski Club, as stated yesterday. The committee spent \$156 to arrange the competition before poor snow conditions here brought a shift of the races to Nevada.

## Teen Agers Sign For Friday's Dance in Dalton

Fifty teen agers have signed up for transportation to the Grade 8 dance tomorrow night from 7 to 10 in the Dalton Community House. The invitation was issued by John T. Brennan, assistant director of recreation in Dalton, in return for the invitation tendered by Pittsfield's junior high schoolers at their Easter Tuesday ball in the Hotel Sheraton.

Oliver Barzottini's Orchestra will play. Two busses have been chartered at 20 cents a person, with 25 cents admission to the dance. Those making the trip should be at the Park Department by 6.45 and reservations must be made before then, it was announced by Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities. The regular dance at the Springside Junior Country Club that night has been canceled.

## Elinor J. Duggan Given Shower

Twenty-five girls from the Springside Junior Country Club tendered a shower Tuesday in Springside House for Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department. Miss Duggan, who conducts weekly dances at the club Friday night, has resigned effective June 3 to be married the following week.

In charge of the spaghetti supper, which the girls cooked and served, were the Misses Rafaela Cultrera, Patricia Sturgeon and Eunice O'Brien. Miss Duggan was presented many gifts and a wedding cake. A mock wedding also was staged.

## Fence Contracts For City Parks Are Awarded

Three contracts for providing fences at city parks were awarded last night at a meeting of the Park Commission in City Hall Annex.

The contracts total \$1279 and include fencing to be used at the Wahconah Park entrance, the Crane Playground wading pool, and at the Park Department beach on Pontoosuc Lake. The Wahconah contract of \$462 went to the Cyclone Fence Company of Hartford, and the other two went to the Anchor Fence Company, another Hartford concern.

At last night's meeting, the Park Commission interviewed two more applicants for the \$2800 post of superintendent of women's and girl's activities, a vacancy created by the recent resignation of Miss Elinor Duggan. Several more applicants will be interviewed next Tuesday, the commission announced, and a final decision will be made at that time.

The commission also authorized Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry to obtain plans for improving the Clapp Park cinder track, and named two delegates to the Council of Social Agencies. The delegates will be Mr. Perry and Commission Chairman Monroe B. England.

## Bicycle Meeting Scheduled Wednesday

A second meeting of the Pittsfield Bicycle Club will be next Wednesday at 6.30 in the Park Department offices because the heavy downpour Tuesday night washed out the first attempt to organize.



# League Ball Endangered, Tamburello Tells Mayor

## Pittsfield Club's President 'Strongly Disappointed' in Committee's Rejection of Grandstand

In a letter stating that the Pittsfield Indians baseball club is in "strong danger of losing its franchise in the Canadian-American League because of our failure to meet National Association standards," Paul A. Tamburello told Mayor Capeless today that he is "strongly disappointed" in the Capital Outlay Committee's recent rejection of plans for a Wahconah Park grandstand.

### 'Worst Park in League'

"This grandstand," his letter stated, "is sorely needed not only for the persons who attend the baseball games, but also for persons attending other events in the park. As it stands today, Wahconah Park is without doubt the worst park in the Canadian-American Baseball League."

Mr. Tamburello, who is president of the Indians, added that he is "sometimes ashamed to show our facilities to out-of-town baseball men and to repeatedly explain that we expect a grandstand soon only to tell them on their next visit that it is all off."

The Capital Outlay Committee decision with which Mr. Tamburello took issue was reached last Friday evening at a meeting attended by Chairman Monroe B. England of the Park Commission and Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry.

Acting principally on grounds of economy, the committee turned down a request from the Park Commission for an appropriation that would make possible a 1500-seat grandstand. The Park Commission, whose request was forwarded to the Capital Outlay group by Mayor Capeless, estimated that the structure could be built at a cost of approximately \$83,000 and pointed out that this would require an appropriation of only about \$10,000 to supplement the grandstand fund that was provided by the City Council three years ago.

The rejection of this proposal is not necessarily final, as the Capital Outlay Committee operates only in an advisory capacity to assist the mayor and City Council in planning long-range capital expenditures.

Although he has not yet received a report from the committee on its grandstand decision, Mayor Capeless indicated this morning that he does not consider the question by any means closed. He suggested that one possibility might be to seek an alternative location at Wahconah Park where the grandstand could be built without any need for pile-driving.

Whether relocation of the baseball field could prove feasible remains to be seen, but it was pointed out this morning that the pile-driving that would be necessary at the present proposed site because of soft subsoil would add considerably to the cost of the project. It was also noted that part of the Capital Outlay Committee's objec-

tion to the grandstand project arose from a question of whether the structural features of the Park Commission's present plans, particularly in regard to the pile-driving, were adequate.

### Might Lose Franchise

In his letter to Mayor Capeless this morning, Mr. Tamburello emphasized the possibility that Pittsfield might lose its Can-Am franchise if the grandstand is not constructed.

"I received a special dispensation," he stated, "from President George Trautman of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues by making promises on two or three occasions that Pittsfield was going to have a grandstand constructed in the near future. I don't know what the attitude of the National Association will be in the future."

The Park Department's estimate of about \$83,000 for a 1500-seat grandstand was based on figures recently submitted by the Hussey Manufacturing Company of North Berwick, Me. The Hussey company's report revived hopes that had been all but abandoned last fall when bids for a Wahconah Park grandstand were solicited by

the city's now-defunct Grandstand Commission.

At that time, the only bid received for the job came to \$210,000—nearly three times the \$74,000 that had been appropriated for the commission. The Grandstand Commission subsequently was disbanded at its own request.

Revival of the grandstand question came early this year when the Hussey Company, acting on its own, made a survey of the Wahconah Park site and announced that it could do the job for far less than had been indicated by the bidding last fall. The company's estimate of markedly lower costs was made possible by redrawing and simplifying the engineering plans with which the Grandstand Commission had been working.

## Police Boat Goes To Park Dept.

The Police Department's old scow, which featured in many rescues from local lakes, will not be offered at public auction after all.

Police have decided to transfer the venerable boat to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the auction scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 1 PM at the station has been called off.

Chief Calnan has announced that the department's new boat is at the local freight station, but they are waiting for the bill of lading before claiming the new water cruiser.

# Park Board Urges No Delay On Wahconah Grandstand

In a public statement issued this morning, Pittsfield's five-man Park Commission asked that "no delay be allowed" in going ahead with plans for constructing a grandstand at Wahconah Park.

"A month's delay at this time," the commissioners stated, "will eliminate all possibility for the construction of the stand this fall, and in all probability will mean that the 1950 sports season will pass without this much-needed facility."

Although the Capital Outlay Committee was not mentioned by the commissioners, it was assumed at City Hall that their statement was designed as a rebuttal to the committee's recent refusal to recommend construction of the proposed grandstand at this time.

The Park Commission's request for the structure was turned down by the capital outlay group last Friday night at a meeting attended by Commission Chairman Monroe B. England and Parks Superintendent Jack J. Perry.

In requesting that the city go ahead with the grandstand despite

this decision, the Park Commission's statement said that "since the razing of the former grandstand a number of years ago, both the sporting public and the competitors have been neglected at Wahconah Park due to the lack of such a facility."

### \$73,000 Available

The commission pointed out that some \$73,000 is already in the grandstand construction account because of appropriations made for this purpose in 1945 and 1946, and that it is now estimated that a 1500-seat grandstand can be built for approximately \$83,000.

"This means that for an additional appropriation of slightly more than \$10,000 sufficient funds would be available to allow the construction of this much-needed facility," the commissioners added.

Today's statement by the Park Commission was the second issued this week on the Capital Outlay Committee's controversial grandstand verdict. Two days ago, President Paul A. Tamburello of the Pittsfield Indians said that he was "strongly disappointed" by the decision and warned that his team is "in great danger of losing its franchise" because of inadequate facilities at Wahconah Park.

## Bike Enthusiasts To Meet Tomorrow

Bicycle enthusiasts are invited to the first meeting of the city-wide bicycle club tomorrow night at 6.30 in the Park Department offices. Superintendent Jackson J. Perry said the session will be for all children interested in cycling either as training for skating next winter or as sport in itself. The bicyclists will be divided into those groups using it for skating training, and those for recreation, with the expectation that semimonthly week-end trips will be arranged. Sessions for adult bicycling will be scheduled later. Alex Goguen will be in charge of the club.

## Books Main Bouts For Pittsfield And North Adams

Joe DeMaria has arranged main bouts for next Thursday night at North Adams and Tuesday, June 14, at Wahconah Park. In the Tunnel City, Doc Williams, who is in North Adams for the summer, will take on Kenny Harris of Philadelphia. They will fight at about 175 pounds. Williams was a terrific drawing card at the Meadowbrook Arena last summer.

At Wahconah Park Tiger Ted Lowry of New Haven will battle St. Paul of Springfield with the New England light-heavyweight championship at stake.

## Marble Finals Scheduled for 2 PM Tomorrow

Pittsfield's "knuckle-down" champs will show their stuff tomorrow afternoon at 2 when the fifth annual marble tournament finals are held on the Common under sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in co-operation with the School and Parks and Recreation Departments.

Eighteen school champs will vie for the marble monarch title. They include five of last year's individual school winners who are William Hajar of Redfield, Donald Massery of Plunkett, Daniel Perry of Dawes, Walter Crosier of Russell and Peter Anderson who automatically competes under a new ruling as last year's city champ, which was his third in a row. Donald Massery has won the Plunkett championship the last three years.

The winners emerged from a field of 434 in competitions conducted by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. Because of the uneven number for competition, four names were drawn from a hat for the opening round. They are Daniel Heidel of Coltsville against Lester Jackson of Crane, and Edward Hubbard of Read against Charles Creran of Bartlett.

## Brookline Girl Seeks Park Post

The Park Department has lost one applicant and gained another for a grand total of one to replace Miss Elinor J. Duggan, supervisor of girls' and women's activities who will leave next month to be married.

Miss Pauline Hayden, a graduate of Sargent College now teaching physical education at the Knox School for Girls in Cooperstown, N.Y., has withdrawn her application for the \$2800 job with yearly increases.

The new applicant is Miss Susan Hunter, who has been working at the Jewish Community Center in Brookline for two years. Miss Hunter may be asked to appear for an interview before the park commissioners Tuesday night. Anyone interested in applying for the job is asked to notify the Park Department. Qualifications include two years of recreational experience and minimum age of 25 years.

## Wahconahs Take Three

Wahconah All-Star entries in three Parks and Recreation Department baseball leagues scored exhibition victories this week.

John Verchot starred in the Kiwanis-Wahconah midgets' 5-1 triumph over Al's Variety. He pitched three-hit ball and drove in two runs with a double and single.

The juniors downed DeMolay 5-2 after the fleas had beaten Al's Variety 13-8. The fleas were unbeaten in 23 games in 1948.

## Fifth Regatta To Be July 4

The Berkshire Outboard Association has made plans for a 12-heat regatta for the fifth annual July 4 competition on Pontoosuc Lake. The group met last night in the Park Department under supervision of its commodore, Kenneth Wich.

The group hopes to get a sponsor for each heat, with all classes of power boats able to compete. The American Power Boat Association has been asked to sanction the event.

Any interested in boating is invited to attend the meetings every Tuesday night at 7.45 in the Park Department.



# LIFE BEGINS AT 65-

## Youth Recaptured By Pittsfield Folk In Club Activities

By BILL LOWENBERG  
Times-Union Staff Reporter

**L**IFE begins again at 65 for members of the Golden Age club in Pittsfield.

All past their 6th birthdays—many are well into their 80's—they have recaptured their interest in life through membership in the Golden Age club.

They have refuted the tradition that relegates the elderly and retired to the park bench and the corner rocker, and have banded together to provide a lively social life of their own, with activities and programs suited to the interests of the "over 65-ers."

**THEY MEET** every Tuesday afternoon at the Pittsfield YMCA for an afternoon of singing, dancing, card-playing, entertainment by fellow-members and refreshments. Everyone has a swell time.

There's plenty of action at a Golden Age club meeting, as a Times-Union reporter and photographer found during the three hours members kept them busy one hot afternoon this past week.

Dr. Charles P. Crowley, retired Pittsfield dentist and president of the Golden Age club, called the meeting to order shortly after 2 p. m. More than 75 members were on hand and more came in during the meeting.

**THE MEETING** opened with everyone joining in singing the club theme song, led by its composer, Mrs. Sarah Plumb Eddy.

Next on the program was Thomas F. Dumont, who sang the "Immigrant from Ireland" and gave a brief talk on Ireland's beauties. Mrs. Martha Waterman, who acts as piano accompanist for the meetings, played several solo numbers on the auto harp, a zither-like instrument.

Mrs. Eddy, composer of the theme song and the club comedienne, then brought the house down with a routine in which she wore a child's dress and sang a comic song, "They Always Pick on Me."

Arthur Burdick and Stephen Burns told funny stories, George A. Meyer sang and Mrs. Waterman presented a favorite recitation.

**AFTER THE** entertainment program came the regular highlight of each meeting, the awarding of the week's birthday cake, contributed by a local bakery.

Wine at this time was Joshua Sharrock, who celebrated his 75th birthday the day before. Enthusiastic members of the club, Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock have been attending meetings regularly.

"I think it's wonderful," Mrs. Sharrock said. "We've made a lot of new friends and are meeting our old friends here. It gives us a social life again."

Flowers, donated each week by local florists, were won this time by Mrs. Mary L. Munch, and a potted plant was won by George R. Nixon.

Refreshments—ice cream and doughnuts contributed by Pittsfield merchants—were served.

**CARD GAMES** and dancing occupied the rest of the afternoon.

Attending her first Golden Age club meeting was Mrs. Emma Adams, formerly of 40 Clinton avenue, Albany, now living in Pittsfield. She was having a fine time.

"Pittsfield is dead for older people," she said, "and it needed something like this. I think it would be a wonderful thing for Albany if people could get a club started there."

Pittsfield's Golden Age club is sponsored jointly by the city's Park and Recreation department and the Community Service group of the Pittsfield College club.

**ORGANIZED** in December, it conducted its first meeting in January with 50 members attending. From that beginning, it has grown to a membership of 164, with an average of more than 130 attending the weekly meetings.

The Community Service group furnishes volunteers who help out with preparing refreshments and serving on a steering committee. Members of the club elected their own officers and make all decisions. The steering committee, on which serve the Community Service group members, representatives of the Park and Recreation department and the club itself, acts only in an advisory capacity. In time the Golden Agers will take over full management of the club.

An appropriation of \$170 from the Park and Recreation department has taken care of most of the financial problems of the club. There is a possibility an additional \$500 will be made available for a "drop-in" center, if a suitable location can be found. Pittsfield merchants cooperate by donating birthday cakes, flowers, milk, candy and money.

**THERE IS NO COST** to members. Membership is open to any

one who has passed his or her 65th birthday.

The club has provided a new interest in life for a large segment of the city's population.

"We made a survey and found there were more than 5,000 people over 65 in Pittsfield," said Dr. Crowley. "You would naturally find many more than that in Albany. Everyone is a potential member."

"If a club is organized in Albany," he said, "we'll all be over there and visit them."



**HIT OF THE SHOW**—Mrs. Sarah Plumb Eddy dons costume and grease paint for her comic song and dance act. It was a highlight of the all-member talent shows.



# -FOR GOLDEN AGERS



**"ALL JOIN HANDS"**—Going through the figures of the Paul Jones at their regular meeting are members of Pittsfield's Golden Age club—an organization for "over 65-ers."



# Pete Anderson Wins Marble Title Again

Four-Time Champ To Compete In State Finals

Peter Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory G. Anderson of 37 Buel Street, continues as Pittsfield's marble monarch eligible for the state finals. The Redfield student took his fourth consecutive city championship in almost a complete slant-out at Saturday afternoon's competition on the Common.

The sixth grade student (he is still eligible for two years more) defeated Daniel Perry, Dawes School champ and son of Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, by a score of 7 to 0. Young Anderson then went on to take Plunkett's champion, Donald Massery, by 7 to 2. In both competitions the 11-year-old champ missed only once giving Donald a chance to get two aggies.

About 35 spectators were on hand for the contest which lasted from 2 to 4, about half the time it took for last year's matches. Medals will be given by the sponsoring Veterans of Foreign Wars to each school champ and to Peter and Donald as city cham and runner-up. The medals have the VFW insignia and an inscription of the winners school, it was explained by John A. Massimiano, director of athletics in the Park Department, who handled the competition. The medals will be available soon from the Park Department, which conducted the affair.

## Big Circus Coming Here On June 25

The big top will be set up in Pittsfield for the first time in seven years on Saturday, June 25, under the terms of a license issued by Mayor Capeless this morning to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey circus.

Two shows—one in the afternoon and one in the evening—are authorized by the license. The circus tent will be pitched on the Root property between Pomeroy Avenue and Williams Streets.

In addition to a \$100 license fee, the city's terms include posting of a \$500 deposit which will be returned to the circus if the property is completely cleaned up and restored to its prior condition within three days of the big show's departure. The license also requires an insurance policy guaranteeing minimum coverage of \$15,000 for injuries to any spectator.

Maximum ticket prices under the license will be \$1.25 for general admission plus an additional \$1.25 for reserved seats. Youngsters are guaranteed the customary reduced prices.

## Jr. Country Club To End With Fair

The Springside Junior Country Club will hold a fair on the lawn adjoining the Springside House tomorrow night from 6.30 to 9.30 as its last function of the season. The fair also will be the last official supervision of Miss Elinor J. Duggan, girls' and women's supervisor of the Park Department, whose resignation becomes effective tomorrow.

# Miss Worrell Appointed to Recreation Job

Pennsylvania Woman Named to Local Position

Missh Yvonne P. Worrell of 42 College Street, Palmyra, Pa., has been appointed supervisor of girls' and women's activities in the Park Department, succeeding Miss Elinor J. Duggan of Watertown, N.Y., who will resign effective Friday, to be married June 13.

Miss Worrell was selected from a field of seven applicants from Sargent College, University of New Hampshire, University of Maine and her alma mater, Pennsylvania State. The interviews were conducted by the park commissioners yesterday afternoon and last Tuesday with the final decision this morning.

Her duties, which will begin June 21, will include such activities as the Golden Agers, Springside House softball competitions and all other affairs except the summer playgrounds which will be handled by Miss Dorothy B. McGee until Aug. 4, when Miss Worrell will take over all the duties. Miss McGee was hired recently for a five-week period until Miss Duggan's successor could be found.

A 1945 graduate of Palmyra (N.Y.) High School, Miss Worrell will receive her bachelor of recreation degree from Pennsylvania State College this month. She has attended social recreation institutes and Red Cross aquatic schools. In practical work she conducted an institute for an after-school playground for city schools and supervision of a teen-age center, both in York, Pa., and a teen-age program in Limont, Pa. She also has been a swimming instructor and waterfront counselor at camps in Wells River, N.H., Hershey, Pa., and Elizaville, N.Y.

## Golden Agers Receive Gifts From Merchants

Gifts for Golden Agers hit a new high at yesterday's meeting, with seven local merchants and businessmen contributing everything from flowers to fancy cookies. Attendance was still at a high level with 131 on hand in the YMCA meeting room.

A bouquet of flowers contributed by Follwell's was won by Mrs. Sarah Eddie, while Charles Hulbert got the birthday cake donated by Joanne's Bakery. A five-pound box of candy given by the Palace News was distributed to the Golden Agers who also were served cookies, tea, coffee and milk from the Grand Union Company, and the Federal and Robbins bakeries.

Several feature numbers were presented by the Liebau Dance Studios, and songs were sung by George Myers. Mrs. Martha F. Waterman of 21 Goodrich Street was piano accompanist for the afternoon.

Plans also were made for a free bus ride to Bennington on Tuesday, June 14. An anonymous donor is supplying the bus which will leave Pittsfield about 10 in the morning and return in early evening. The members will visit the museum in Bennington on their outing.

# Grandstand Door Not Closed, Capital Outlay Head Declares

Committee Not Satisfied Piling Proposal Would Do Job Satisfactorily, Chairman Myers Says

Chairman Frederick M. Myers of the Capital Outlay Committee disclosed this morning that his group has definitely not closed the door on plans for a Wahconah Park grandstand, despite its refusal to recommend the project to the mayor and City Council two weeks ago.

He stated that the committee's objections to the grandstand proposal had not been based on opposition to the expenditures involved but solely to the technical question of whether the plans for pile-driving at the grandstand site are adequate.

"We were not satisfied," he said, "that the method of piling proposed in the plans would prove sufficient to do the job properly. Until we are satisfied on that score, we cannot recommend going ahead with the grandstand."

Mayor To Submit Letter

Mr. Myers also disclosed that, although the Capital Outlay Committee has not filed any specific re-

port on the grandstand question, he has talked the matter over thoroughly with Mayor Capeless. The mayor, it was learned at City Hall this morning, plans to submit a letter explaining the present status of the project to the City Council next week.

Provisions for pile-driving were included in the grandstand plans because of the soft sub-soil at Wahconah Park, which would require unusually deep foundations. In view of the Capital Outlay Commission's stand, it will presumably be necessary for the Park Department to investigate the possibility of revising the pile-driving specifications of the present grandstand plans or, as an alternative, the possibility of relocating the grandstand site so that pile-driving would be unnecessary.

On the basis of the Park Department's present plans, the proposed 1500-seat grandstand would cost the city about \$83,000. Because there is already a grandstand fund of \$74,000 on the city's books, an additional appropriation of only about \$10,000 would be needed to carry out the project.

## Swimming Dates Announced by Park Department

Dates for swimming meets and the opening of the swimming areas were set at the regular meeting of the swimming-staff committee earlier this week in the Park Department offices. The city-wide meet will be Saturday, July 16, and the AAU meet Saturday, July 30. The latter date is subject to confirmation by the New England AAU.

All swimming areas will open officially Thursday, June 23, with a learn-to-swim campaign at Pontoonuc Beach, and the Springside and Crane wading pools. Registration for the campaign will begin June 20 with the instruction starting the 28th.

Anyone interested in life guard work should notify the Park Department to have his name placed on the waiting list in case any of the staff drops out.

James Thompson, supervisor of aquatics, said the training institute for the entire staff will start Monday night, June 20, in the Park Department, the 21st at the YMCA pool, with Coach E. J. Silvia of Springfield College, in charge. Wednesday, June 22, the training will end with instructions at Pontoonuc Lake. The appointment of Martin Dowd, as part-time bathhouse attendant on the men's side, completes the summer swimming staff.

## Carl J. Fenner Jr. Heads Put-Putters

Carl J. Fenner Jr., of 45 Revilla Terrace, has been selected race chairman for the 1949 July 4 regatta on Pontoonuc Lake. Within a week he will announce his officials for the event. Last night's reports on the attempts to get sponsors for the individual races indicates hard sledding for the enthusiasts.

Advance information shows that many national and New England champions will be on hand to compete for cash prizes in the hydroplanes, and four heats of service runabouts. Last year an estimated 10,000 witnessed the event. The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday night at 7.45 in the Park Department offices.

## Flea Hurlers Are Effective

FLEA CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sport Shop	3	0	1.000
Pittsfield Boys' Club	3	0	1.000
Rainbow Cafe	2	1	.667
Tyler Aces	2	1	.667
Ed's Aces	2	1	.667
Milton Motors	2	1	.667
Bud's Aces	1	2	.333
Lakewood Civic	1	2	.333
Pittsfield Tire & Battery	1	2	.333
Crescent Creamery	1	2	.333
Park Jewelry	0	3	.000
Al's Variety	0	3	.000

Outstanding pitching performances marked three of the five Flea City Baseball League games over the week end.

Jim Cullerton of the Boys' Club threw a no-hitter in a 20-0 conquest of Crescent Creamery. Bobby Quadrozzi of the Rainbow Cafe held the Lakewood Civic Association to two hits in a 6-1 victory. Dave Cohen of Bud's Aces allowed only one hit as his team trounced Park Jewelry 11-0.

Other results were as follows: Sport Shop 2, Tyler Aces 1; Ed's Aces 6, Pittsfield Tire & Battery 5.

The Sport Shop and the Boys' Club are tied for first place with three wins apiece.

## Kiwanis Wins Only Contest

MIDGET BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lakewood Civic	3	0	1.000
WBEC	2	0	1.000
Kiwanis	3	1	.750
Rockets	2	1	.333
Miller's Welders	1	1	.500
Tyler Aces	0	1	.000
Morningside Merchants	0	2	.000
Northside Aces	0	2	.000
Layton's Variety	0	3	.000

Kiwanis Club defeated the North Side Aces 6-5 in the only Midget City Baseball League game played over the week end. The other contests were postponed because of rain.



## Notre Dame Triumphs, 9-8, Tie for Top

JUNIOR CITY LEAGUE STANDING			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Notre Dame	3	1	.750
Hollywood B	3	1	.750
Pittsfield Sporting Goods	3	2	.600
St. Mark's	3	2	.600
East Side Cafe	3	2	.600
Wahconah Indians	2	3	.400
DeMolay	1	3	.250
Red's Dairy Bar	0	4	.000

Notre Dame went into a first-place tie with Hollywood Restaurant B in the Junior City Baseball League by defeating the Wahconah Indians 9-8 at Deming Field yesterday afternoon. In the other league game, played as the second half of a double-header, East Side Cafe beat DeMolay 10-4 in six innings. Rain forced a halt at that point.

Notre Dame and the Hollywoods will meet this evening for sole possession of first place.

Notre Dame scored the deciding run with one out in the seventh inning. The Wahconahs had rallied to knot the count in their half of the seventh.

Crespi of East Side hit a home run. He also had a pair of singles.

The scores:

Notre Dame				Wahconah					
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
Principle, f	3	0	1	0	Carroll, s	5	0	0	1
Albert, 2	2	0	1	1	Hosot, c	4	1	0	0
Lavante, cf	3	2	1	0	N'man, c	4	0	0	3
DiN'la, 1	2	2	3	1	M'jewski, rf	4	2	1	2
M'h'ney, rf	2	0	0	0	McMa'n, l	4	3	2	0
Ferriss, s	3	2	2	2	Maloney, l	1	0	1	1
Quinlan, 3	3	1	1	0	Falk'ski, l	2	2	2	0
Bassett, 1	2	2	4	1	BM'M'n, lf	2	2	2	0
Cobb, p	1	0	0	0	Clepeia, 3	3	2	1	2
Rafferty, c	3	1	7	1	B'cher, cf	4	1	0	0
*Hatin	1	1	0	0					
	26	11	21	6		38	13	18	10

\*Batted for Albert in 7th.

Runs, Principe, Albert, Lavante, DiN'cola, Ferriss 2, Quinlan 2, Hatin, Newman, McMahon 3, Falkowski 2, B. McMahon, Clepeia. Runs batted in, DiN'cola 3, Ferriss 3, Bassett 2, Rafferty, F. McMahon 2, Clepeia 4, Falkowski 2, Errors, F. McMahon hit, DiN'cola. Three-base hits, Clepeia, B. McMahon. Stolen bases, Carroll, Mierjewski 2, B. McMahon. Left on bases, Notre Dame 2, Wahconah 3. Base on balls, off Hospot 0, Cobb 8, Ferriss 2, Barcher 4. Struck out, by Hospot 6, Ferriss 2, Hits, off Barcher, 1 in 1-3 inning; Cobb, 7 in 2-3; Ferriss, 6 in 4 1-3; Hospot, 9 in 6 2-3. Hit by pitcher, by Hospot (DiN'cola); Barcher (Ferriss). Wild pitch, Ferriss. Winning pitcher, Ferriss. Losing pitcher, Hospot. Umpires, Magri and Pleau. Time, 2h, 5m.

East Side				DeMolay					
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
Guisti, rf	3	0	1	0	Betz, lf	2	1	2	0
Bogino, s	4	2	2	3	Witman, s	3	1	2	4
Montini, 1	2	1	6	1	Indian, 2	3	1	0	2
Crespi, cf	4	3	1	0	Rose, cf	3	0	2	0
Ross, lf	2	0	2	0	McGill, c	3	0	6	0
Riello, 3	3	2	0	1	T'h'nos, 3	3	0	0	1
Q'lietti, 2	3	1	0	2	Braunel, 1	3	0	2	0
O'Hearn, c	3	0	6	0	Slepper, rf	2	0	0	0
DiM'imo, p	3	1	0	1	Mears, p	1	2	1	1
					Bailey, rf	0	0	0	0

Runs, Guisti, Bogino 2, Montini, Crespi 2, Riello 2, Quaglietti, DiMassimo, Betz, Witman, Indian, Mears. Runs batted in, Indian 2, Mears 2, Crespi 4, Quaglietti, DiMassimo, Bogino, Montini, Ross, Riello, Errors, Bogino, O'Hearn, Indian, Rose, McGill, Braunel 2. Two-base hit, Riello. Stolen bases, Bogino, Ross, Guisti 2. Base on balls, off DiMassimo 2, Mears 3, Trahanos 3. Struck out, by DiMassimo 4, Mears 2. Hits, off Mears, 6 in 3 innings; Trahanos, 4 in 2. Losing pitcher, Mears. Umpires, Pleau, Magri. Time, 2h.

## Falkowsky Suffers Bad Leg Injury

Charley Falkowsky, regular end on the Pittsfield High football team last fall, suffered injury in an unusual accident at Deming Field yesterday afternoon. Playing for the Wahconah Indians of the Junior City Baseball League, he was sliding into second base when his leg struck the spike holding the bag. Apparently the spike was not attached properly for it pierced his leg.

Falkowsky suffered severe cuts. Eight stitches were taken in the leg at St. Luke's Hospital.

## Kidney Club Seeks Visitation Leader

A volunteer willing to head up the visitation committee is being sought by the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, it was reported today by Robert G. Stafford, club chairman. At last night's meeting, held to organize for activities beginning in August, the club reported a balance of \$587.96 in its treasury, and a membership list of 68 shut-ins. Plans also were advanced for the float the club will enter in the Firemen's Muster parade on July 4. The club meets again June 16.

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Scoring eight times in the last three innings to erase a four-run deficit, the Pittsfield Sporting Goods team defeated the East Side Cafe 13-9 in a Junior City Baseball League game last night at Deming Field.

Delphia, the No. 9 man in the winners' batting order, was the outstanding hitter. He drove in five runs with two singles and a double.

The score:

Pittsfield				Eastside Cafe					
	ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a
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Shogry, 3	5	1	2	3	Bogino, s	4	1	1	1
D'Angelo, s	5	2	2	1	Montini, 1	4	2	5	0
Fogarty, 2	4	1	1	0	Crespi, cf	3	2	2	0
Blais, p	4	2	2	0	Riella, 3	4	1	1	1
Miller, 1	4	1	5	0	Q'lietti, 2	3	2	0	2
Dennis, c	2	2	4	1	O'Hearn, c	4	0	10	0
Soutier, lf	1	0	1	0	Ya'none, lf	4	2	1	0
Morris, lf	1	0	1	0	D'simo, p	1	0	0	0
Perrone, c	1	0	3	1	Trapani, p	3	0	0	1
D'P'la, cf	2	4	3	0					
	35	13	21	6		35	11	21	6

Runs, Heidel 2, Shogry, DeAngelo 2, Fogarty, Blais, Miller 2, Dennis, Delphia 2, Morris, Guisti, Bogino, Montini 2, Crespi 3, Riella, O'Hearn, Errors, Fogarty 2, Morris, Delphia, Guisti, Riella, Yannone 2. Runs batted in, Heidel, Shogry, DeAngelo 3, Dennis, Morris, Perrone, Delphia 5, Montini, Crespi 3, Quaglietti 2, O'Hearn 2, Yannone. Two-base hits, Delphia, Quaglietti, Crespi. Three-base hits, DeAngelo, Fogarty, Montini. Stolen bases, Blais, Miller, Heidel, Fogarty 2. Left on bases, East Side 6, Sporting Goods 3. Base on balls, off Trapani 3, Demassimo 1, Blais 4. Struck out, by Trapani 8, Blais 6. Hits, off Trapani, 11 in 6 innings; Demassimo, 2 in 1. Losing pitcher, Trapani. Umpires, Pleau and Magri. Time, 2h, 5m.

## Hollywood B Trounces Red's Dairy Bar 16-0

The Hollywood Restaurant B team overwhelmed Red's Dairy Bar of Lanesboro 16-0 in a Junior City Baseball League game last night at Deming Field.

Denny Cohen, Tucker School eighth-grader, let the loss down with only two hits, and fanned seven.

The winners combed two pitchers for 14 hits, and scored in five of their six turns.

Hollywood B				Red's Dairy				
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a	
D'Angelo, 2	4	1	1	1	Denno, lf	2	0	1
Stewart, s	3	2	0	1	Pivero, 1	1	0	3
JG'valtis, 3	3	1	2	1	K'feath'r, 3	2	0	3
GG'itis, rf	3	2	0	2	Pytko, c,fc	3	0	3
Turner, c	4	1	7	0	B. Brown, rf	3	1	0
Evans, 1	4	2	12	0	Magri, p	3	1	2
Discani, lf	3	2	0	1	M. Brown, s	2	0	1
Gorman, cf	4	0	0	0	Bugbee, c	1	0	2
Cohen, p	4	2	0	1	Thom'son, 2	0	2	0
F'guson, s	2	0	0	0	Chapm'n, 1	1	0	1
Deva'ny, rf	1	1	0	0	Saldo, p	1	0	0
					Kidder, 2	1	0	0
					Rosen, lf	1	0	0
	35	14	21	8		31	2	18

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## Park Department Begins Its Summer Hours

The Parks and Recreation Department goes on its summer schedule tomorrow, to open 8.30 until 3.30 on Saturdays to accommodate picnickers and others using the department's facilities.

A daily schedule of 8 to 5 will become effective Monday, June 27, with reservations for picnic tables needed on week ends only at present, but daily beginning the 20th. Pontoosuc Lake's picnic area has had a face-lifting, with tables and fireplaces in perfect shape.

Picnic kits are available to groups, with equipment to handle 100 people. A deposit fee of \$5 is returned when the equipment is brought back in good order.

## Midget Results

Four games were played yesterday afternoon in the Midget City Baseball League. The results: At Clapp Park: Rockets 7, North Side Aces 2; Lakewood Civic Club 5, Miller Welders 2; on the Common: WBEC 23, Tyler Aces 3; Morning-side Merchants 8, Layton's Variety 4.

## Bids Extended For Wahconah Job

Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry has announced that the Park Department has extended until tomorrow afternoon the deadline on bids for the job of improving entrance facilities at Wahconah Park.

Awarding of the contract had originally been scheduled for yesterday, but was postponed because no formal bids were submitted at that time. Mr. Perry said, however, that two or three concerns had expressed interest in the job and he indicated that they may submit bids by tomorrow.

A \$3830 appropriation for improving the park entrances was appropriated by Mayor Capeless last month and was approved by the City Council.

## Bicyclists Meet Thursday Night

The second trip of the City Bicycle Club will be Thursday night at 5.45 from Clapp Park under supervision of Alex Goguen, and the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department. A maximum of 15 will be allowed to make the trip. Interested youngsters should call the Park Department.

Five made Sunday's trip toward Williamstown, with a lunch-stop along the way. The Pittsfield Parks Speedskating Club plans to get a mechanical exerciser for special pre-season skating training.

## Square Dance Skein Starts Saturday

After missing the first Saturday night square dance in 30 consecutive Saturdays, the Park Department will renew its weekly series this week at the Masonic Temple from 8.30 to midnight. No hall was available last week, and none will be free the 18th because of summer weddings and graduations.

But starting Saturday the 25th, weekly Saturday dances will be held at the Masonic Temple throughout the summer with Orville (Pop) Smith and his band from Winsted, Conn., providing music. So far the department has sponsored 36 square dances, including those on holidays.

## Marble Champs To Be Selected For Saturday

Seven more individual school champions will be crowned marble champs this week in preparation for the finals Saturday afternoon at 2 on the Common, as part of the fifth annual tournament sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

So far 274 boys have participated, with the total expected to hit 500 by the end of the week under direction of John A. Massimiano, director of athletics. Saturday's winner will be eligible to compete in the state tournament at a date to be announced later.

School winners to date are: David Heidel, Coltsville; Lester Jackson, Crane; Donald Massery, Plunkett; Edward Hubbard, Read; Lawrence DiMassimo, Nugent; Michael Ambrose, Mercer; Anthony Pivoro, Peck's; Irving Gans, Rice; Walter Crosier, Russell; and Francis Smith, Hibbard.

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Named were: William J. Troy, 76 Henry Avenue, Clapp Park; Carroll Hickey, 46½ Newell Street, Deming Field; William S. Vickery, 28 Monroe Street, Coolidge Park; Robert G. Stafford, 100 Madison Avenue, the Common; Lawrence F. Jacobs, 31 Yorkshire Avenue, Springside Park; Allan Jacobs, 79 Louise Street, and Richard Allard, 28 Lucille Street, Pontoosuc Lake.

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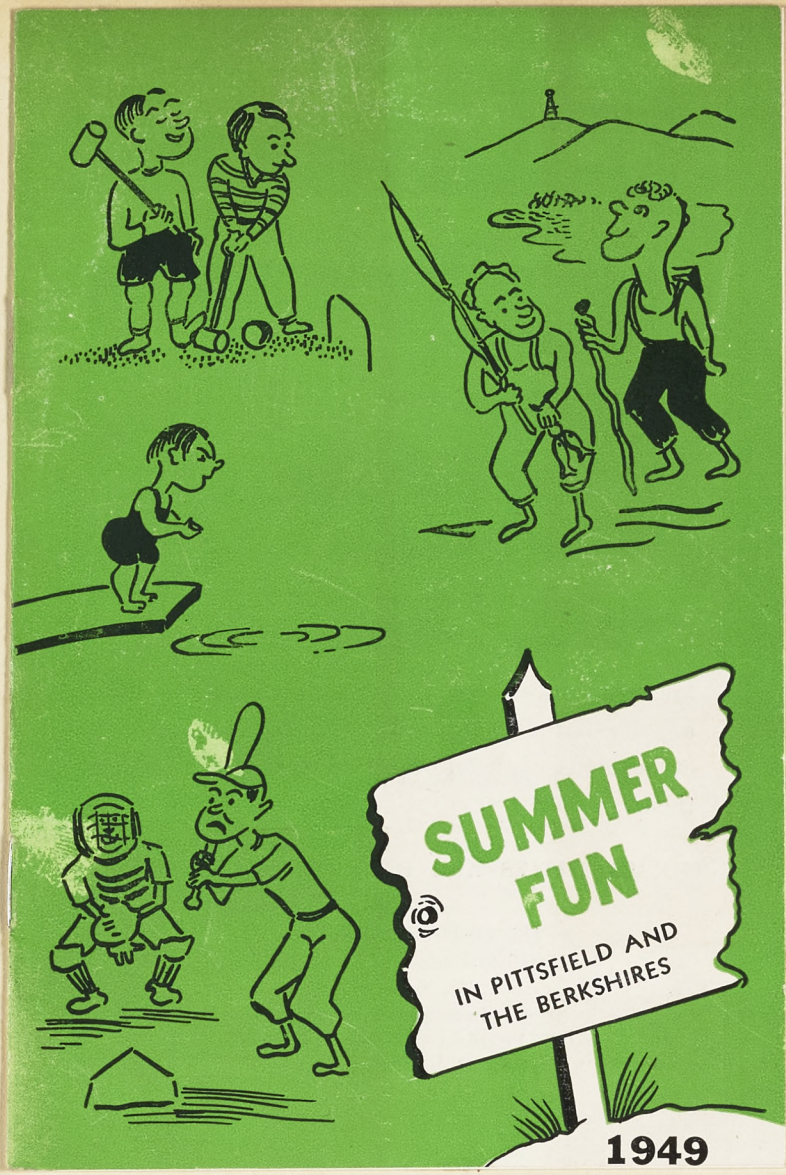
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The Clapp Park Pee-Wee Baseball League all-star team will oppose a group of fathers tomorrow night at 7 at Clapp.

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The Park Dept. has special picnic kits available for a \$5.00 deposit, for club, church and organization picnics, which include various kinds of athletic equipment.



## OTHER PICNIC AREAS

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Information: Call Girls' League, 165 East St. Tel. 2-5174.  
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Information: Girl Scout Council, 73 North St. Tel. 7968.  
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Registration fee: 50 cents.

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### BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM

—Free Public Library

44 Bank Row—Tel. 2-1559

Summer Hours—June 15-Sept. 15.

At Main Bldg.: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 A. M.- 9 P. M.

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## Meeting Tomorrow May Pave Way for Wahconah Job

Prospects for a green light on the Wahconah Park grandstand project were given a boost at City Hall today with the announcement that Mayor Capeless and the Capital Outlay Committee will meet tomorrow afternoon in an attempt to iron out structural problems that are holding up the plan.

Scheduled to meet with the mayor and the committee are representatives of the Hussey Manufacturing Company, a North Berwick, Me., concern that has already submitted cost estimates on the grandstand, and the Raymond Construction Company of Boston, that has offered to do the pile driving at the proposed site.

Tomorrow's meeting was arranged because of Capital Outlay Committee objections to the pile driving provisions in the grandstand plans that were submitted to the committee by Mayor Capeless last month. The committee failed to recommend construction of the grandstand principally on the grounds of insufficient assurance that the pile driving would prove adequate.

It is hoped by sponsors of the grandstand that the Raymond Construction Company and the Hussey Company engineers will be able to provide adequate guarantees on this score at tomorrow's meeting. Pile driving, an essential part of the Wahconah grandstand plans, is made necessary by sub-soil conditions at the proposed site.

If Capital Outlay Committee endorsement of the grandstand project is obtained, an appropriation of only about \$10,000 will be necessary to get the job started. The city already has a \$74,000 grandstand fund that was established during Mayor Fallon's administration.

## Clapp Playground Has Busiest Week

Attendance at Clapp Park's spring playground shows a steady climb for a total of 3810 visits last week, with only two weeks to go before the regular playground season begins. Boys outnumbered the girls two to one, and about 425 adults used the facilities.

Importance of the program is pointed out by Park Superintendent Jackson J. Perry who estimates several hundred different children have been kept off the street. This is important, he said, because nation-wide figures given this week show that more children were involved in street accidents last year than in 1947.

Carolyn Cassidy has been elected captain of the girls' softball team, and 12-year-old William McGowan beat Gordon Pollard in a special horse shoe tournament last week. The spring playground ends June 18, and in the fall Crane playground will be opened under co-sponsorship of the Junior League and the Park Department. The Junior League is underwriting the cost of both playgrounds, which are handled by William A. Troy, director, and Miss Glenys L. Thompson, leader, with the Junior Leaguers supplying two volunteer workers each day.

# Pittsfield Rich in Recreation Program But Poor in Acreage Available for It

National Park and Recreation Week, currently being observed, finds Pittsfield better off in activities than in areas. Although there are activities for all from the diaper derby and egg hunt to Golden Age and Bobby Kidney Sunshine Clubs, Pittsfield falls below the minimum average of an acre of park land per 100 persons estimated desirable by national authorities.

Total park land in Pittsfield is just over 600 acres, according to Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, which is about one acre to 100 people. But—that includes Balance Rock with 141 acres, and that has been closed officially for two years because there aren't

enough funds and manpower to maintain it. The situation can be contrasted to Springfield which has an acre for every 80 people.

An even bleaker look of the park area is given when one realizes that Balance Rock is five miles from Pittsfield in Lanesboro, and is technically a part of the county State Forest. In addition, a large part of the area is rugged with ledges, swamps and steep hillsides offering expensive problems of development.

On the credit side of the "recreational ledger" Pittsfield has the Common in the heart of the city and Clapp and Deming in heavily-populated sections. Clapp Park is favored for expansion to

preserve its central location where it can serve the now recreationless south side, and for an in-town swimming pool which could be built at the rear of the present park.

## Springside Is Big Hope

But the heart of future recreation in Pittsfield is expected to be in Springside Park with its natural features of brooks and shaded areas. Mr. Perry estimates Pittsfield should have a children's zoo there, an amphitheatre offered by natural contours, picnic sections and play areas to draw people off the streets into the winding paths and restfulness of the woods.

Other undeveloped gems are Wahconah Park which is readily accessible from any part of the city, and Burbank Park which can be beautified when Onota Lake is reopened next summer after completion of the 1½-billion-gallon Cleveland Brook Reservoir.

Pittsfield's paucity of tennis courts is contrasted with Greenfield with a population of 20,000 which has 14 courts; Springfield with 156,000 has 50; while Pittsfield with 55,000 has no public courts.

The value of neighborhood playgrounds has been illustrated with their recent success locally, leading to the opening of areas this summer at Hibbard and Pontoosuc for a total of 15. Mr. Perry estimates we need 25 per cent more area.

Recreation in Pittsfield got its start in 1914 when a Board of Park Commissioners was set up with five members serving on a staggered basis, and a Playground Association of private individuals was responsible for playground activities. The bodies merged in 1916 with the board taking over all activities.

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The change has made possible numerous social and recreational activities in the year, including skiing and skating instruction at winter areas, baseball leagues for youngsters from 6 to 16, marble competitions and egg hunts to the parade of horrors on Halloween and home decoration contests at Yuletide. Summer areas have doubled since 1945 with about 5000 people using them in the 10-week program and 2000 local residents expected to use the beaches and pools along with thousands of out-of-town visitors.

## Legion Game Slated for Clapp Park

The North Adams and St. Joseph's teams of the Berkshire County American Legion Junior Baseball League are scheduled to meet at Clapp Park tomorrow night at 6.30.

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Two other league contests are listed for tomorrow. Great Barrington will be at Housatonic, and Lee will be at Sheffield.

## Hollywoods Are Upset

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St. Mark's upset the Hollywood Restaurant B team 5-3 last night at Clapp Park to go into a first-place tie in the Junior City Baseball League with its victim.

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Chapman of St. Mark's and Gorman of the Hollywoods hit home runs. The score:

St. Mark's					Hollywood B				
ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a	
Decker, s	3	1	1	2	Descani, cf	2	1	0	0
Martin, of	3	1	1	0	Ferguson, s	3	0	0	3
K'dana, 2	1	0	0	0	CG'v'tis, rf	3	1	2	0
Powers, 2	3	0	0	0	JG'v'tis, 2	3	1	1	2
Ostrikis, lf	4	0	2	0	Murdock, lf	3	2	0	0
Garrity, 3	2	0	2	1	Turner, c	3	0	5	2
Simoni, rf	3	1	1	0	Evans, 1	3	0	9	2
Horton, 1	2	0	4	0	Gorman, 2	3	1	3	3
Mele, p	3	0	1	0	Devanny, p	2	0	1	0
Chapman, c	3	2	9	0	Cohen, 1	0	0	0	0
					Stewart, 1	0	0	0	0
	27	5	21	3		27	6	21	12

St. Marks ..... 301 000 1-5  
Hollywood ..... 001 002 0-3

\*Batted for Descani in 7th.  
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Runs, Dicker, Martin, Ostrikis, Chapman, O. Garivaltis, J. Garivaltis, Gorman. Runs batted in, Chapman 3, Martin, Powers, Murdock, C. Garivaltis, Evans. Errors, J. Garivaltis 2, Gorman. Two-base hits, Chapman. Home runs, Gorman, Chapman. Stolen bases, Decker, Martin, Ostrikis 2. Base on balls, off Devanny 4. Mele 1. Struck out, by Devanny 6, Mele 9. Hit by pitcher, by Mele (Descani); Devanny (Martin). Wild pitch, Devanny. Passed ball, Turner. Umpires, Holden, Bianchi. Time, 2h, 3m.

## Cullerton Hurls Third No-hit Game

Jimmy Cullerton of the Boys' Club entry in the City Flea Baseball League turned in his third no-hit game of the season as he blanked the Milton Motors team 2 to 0. It was his fifth consecutive shutout.

## Picnic Kit Added

Another picnic kit has been added by the Department of Parks and Recreation to the two already in use, because of increased demand.

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## Picnic Time Is Here Again

Pontoosuc Lake's picnic store will have its delayed opening this week end, and will be open week ends thereafter until June 23, the official opening of the beach, when the store will be operated on a daily basis. Cold weather past week ends caused postponement of the opening.

Reservations for picnic tables and picnic kits should be made in advance at the Park Department. Both picnic kits were out over the week end with an estimated 164 using the facilities. Included are equipment for softball, volleyball, paddle tennis, football, horseshoes, badminton, deck tennis, checkers and first aid kit. Last year more than 6000 used facilities in 82 groups.

Reservation proceeds are returned to the city general fund which last year amounted to \$588. Picnic table fees are on a hourly basis to prevent "squatters' sovereignty" while the kits require a \$5 deposit returnable if the equipment is brought back in good order.



## Increase of 13,867 in Gates Of Can-Am Loop First Month

SCHENECTADY — There were 13,867 more fans who attended Canadian-American League baseball games during the first 30 days of the 1949 season than last year during the same period. However, the eight teams engaged in 14 more games than a year ago and the total attendance is down in five cities.

Albert E. Houghton, league president, issued a comparative attendance statement today covering the period ending May 26. It shows that the league leaders, Quebec, and the tail enders, Gloversville, have greatly increased total attendance, as well as Pittsfield. Amsterdam and Schenectady show the largest decrease, while Oneonta, Rome and Three Rivers show slight drops.

In 11 games this year Quebec has drawn 43,893 as compared with 34,947 for 10 games in 1948, a jump of 8946. The Braves, leading the loop most of the period, have really excited the Canadian city fans and have established several league attendance records.

On the other hand, Gloversville got off to a real bad start. However, the fans have rallied to their support and in 12 games there have been 15,752 persons present, compared with 11,142 for nine games in 1948.

Because of the difference in total number of attractions in each city during the first 30 days of this year and 1948, total attendance figures are somewhat misleading, therefore average attendance figures give a better line on fan attendance. These show that on an average per game, Quebec is drawing 495 more fans than in 1948; Gloversville 75 more and Pittsfield 274 more. Schenectady shows the largest average decrease—643; Amsterdam, 569; Three Rivers, 216; Oneonta, 186 and Rome, 110. It is believed that the weather has played an important part in this,

as there have been many cool nights during May.

Despite the cold, the weather otherwise has been satisfactory and there have been only 19 postponed games, whereas there were 39 in the same period a year ago.

Pittsfield averaged 1093 per attraction this year as compared to 819 over the same period in 1948 and the Indians drew 14,293 for 13 attractions as compared to 8192 for 10 a year ago.

## Petricca Gets Wahconah Job

### Improvements Will Be Completed by Early July

The Petricca Construction Company has been given the contract for improvement of both Wahconah Park entrances for \$2944. The park commissioners, who awarded the bid, said there was only one other, the Hutchinson Construction Company, for \$4177. The contract calls for work to start within seven days, to be completed within 21 days from that date.

Plans call for a 20-foot-wide bituminous concrete entrance for the northern or pedestrian entrance to extend from street to gate, and a 10-foot wide sidewalk and a 40-foot wide drive, both of bituminous concrete, separated by a curbing. A chain steel fence will be erected on both sides of the vehicular entrance and the existing curbing will be lowered to street level at the entrance.

The commissioners announced the parking area will be ready soon because a bulldozer has been scraping the fill dumped there to fill the swampland through co-operation of the Public Works Department.

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Hollywood B	ab	h	po	a	Notre Dame	ab	h	po	a
D'Angelo, 2	3	0	1	2	DiNicola, 2	1	1	0	0
Stewart, 5	5	2	1	2	Principe, 1	2	0	0	0
CG'altis, 5	1	0	0	0	Hatin, 2	4	1	1	4
JG'altis, 4	2	1	0	0	Lavante, 4	0	1	0	0
Murdock, 1	5	2	1	0	Ferris, 3	0	2	1	0
Cohen, 4	2	0	2	0	M'honey, 3	3	0	0	0
Evans, 1	3	2	6	0	Russell, 1	4	2	1	0
Gorman, 3	3	2	0	1	Quinlan, 3	4	0	0	4
Dascani, 3	1	1	0	0	Bassett, 1	3	1	7	0
					Rafferty, 2	0	4	1	0
					Baurassa, 1	0	1	0	0
	35	14	21	7		32	8	18	10

Hollywood ..... 516 100 —13  
Notre Dame ..... 032 000 1—6

Runs, DeAngelo 2, Stewart 2, G. Garivaltis 2, J. Garivaltis, Murdock 2, Cohen, Evans, Gorman, Dascani, DiNicola, Hatin, Mahoney 3, Russell 2. Runs batted in, Stewart 5, DeAngelo 2, J. Garivaltis 2, Evans, Mahoney 4, Russell 2, Errors, DeAngelo, Murdock, Hatin, Ferris 2, Mahoney. Two-base hits, Mahoney, Gorman, Three-base hits, Bassett, Cohen. Home run, Evans. Stolen bases, Murdock, DiNicola. Base on balls, off Russell 2. Struck out by DiNicola 4, Cohen 9. Hits, off Russell, 11 in 2-3 innings; DiNicola, 3 in 3-1-3. Hit by pitcher by DiNicola (Evans, Gorman). Wild pitches, Russell 2. Losing pitcher, Russell. Umpires, Bianchi and Luzis. Time, 2h.

## Elinor Duggan Married Today

### Former Park Dept. Supervisor Weds Wisconsin Student

Miss Elinor Joan Duggan, formerly of Pittsfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Duggan of Wauertown, N.Y., was married today to Richard G. Smith of Janesville, Wis., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Smith. The wedding took place in the college chapel at the University of Wisconsin.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a silk print dress and a picture hat. Miss Barbara John, the bride's former roommate at the University of Wisconsin, was maid of honor. Richard Pope, a fraternity brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After a trip to northern Wisconsin, the couple will make their home in Madison, Wis. The bride wore a lemon-colored suit for traveling.

Former girls' and women's supervisor for the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Department, the bride attended St. Lawrence University and the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith is a student at Wisconsin, from which he will graduate in August. He is a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

## Four Teams Tied for Junior Lead

East Side Cafe's 6-5 win over Notre Dame last night at Wahconah Field caused a four-way tie for first place in the Junior City Baseball League. The co-leaders are East Side, the Hollywood Restaurant B, St. Mark's and the Pittsfield Sporting Goods.

The East Side club broke a 5-5 tie with a run with no one down in the bottom of the seventh and final inning.

Notre Dame had a 9-6 edge in base hits. Montini led East Side at bat with three hits.

The score:

East Side Cafe	ab	h	po	a	Notre Dame	ab	h	po	a
Bogino, 8	4	1	1	5	Lavante, 4	1	2	0	0
O'Hearn, 3	0	7	0	0	Hatin, 2	3	0	0	1
Montini, 1	4	3	7	0	DiNicola, 4	1	1	2	0
Crespi, 2	1	1	0	0	Mahoney, 3	4	1	0	2
Ross, 1	2	1	1	0	Russell, 1	3	1	0	0
Trapani, 2	2	1	1	0	Albert, 1	1	0	1	0
Riello, 3	2	0	2	0	Cobb, 1	4	2	6	0
Briggs, 3	0	1	0	0	Principe, 3	0	1	0	0
DiM'mo, 3	0	0	0	0	Rafferty, 3	0	2	5	0
					Baurassa, 0	0	2	1	0
					Ferriss, 2	1	0	1	0
	25	7	21	8		31	9	18	7

East Side ..... 103 010 1—6  
Notre Dame ..... 113 000 0—5

Runs, Lavante, Hatin, DiNicola, Cobb 2, Montini 3, Crespi, Ross, Trapani. Runs batted in, Hatin, DiNicola, Mahoney, Ferris, Rafferty, Montini 2, Ross, Trapani, Riello, Crespi, Errors, Rafferty 2, Baurassa, Ferris, Bogino, Riello. Two-base hit, Montini. Three-base hit, DiNicola. Base on balls, off DiMassimo 3, Ferris 3. Struck out by DiMassimo 6, Ferris 7. Hit by pitcher, by DiMassimo (Hatin). Umpires, Holden and Luzis. Time, 1h, 59m.

\*No outs when winning run scored.

## Emil Fontana Is Star in Softball Win

### BUSINESSMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Moose	3	0	1.000
Eagle Cafe	1	0	1.000
Mt. Carmel	3	1	.750
Del Gallo's Cafe	1	2	.333
Bnai Brith	1	3	.250
O'Brien's	0	3	.000

### LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Del Gallo's 11, Bnai Brith 4.

### Game Tonight

Moose vs Eagle Cafe.

### Game Tomorrow Night

O'Brien vs Eagle Cafe.

Emil Fontana, former Pittsfield High athlete, hit a grand slam home run in leading his Del Gallo's Cafe team to an 11-4 win over O'Brien's in a Businessmen's Softball League contest last night at Deming Field.

Louis Giovanetti also starred at bat for the winners with a perfect night in three official visits.

League games are scheduled for Deming Field on the next two nights. The Moose Club will meet the Eagle Cafe tonight, and O'Brien's will go against the Eagle outfit tomorrow.

## Putt-Putters Meet Tonight

Members of the Berkshire Outboard Association will meet tonight at 7.45 in the Park Department office to choose additional officials for the July 4 regatta at Pontoosuc Lake, and discuss finances. Last week one-fifth of the needed total had been raised by solicitations.

## Sunshine Club Explained Here To Civic Group

LEE—At the recent meeting of the South Lee Civic Association, Robert Stafford of Pittsfield told members of the activities and functions of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club.

Mr. Stafford told the group that the organization brings all forms of entertainment to shut-ins all over the county. He mentioned that recently the club showed a motion picture to a shut-in who hadn't seen one in 23 years.

Discussion of the South Lee water situation also took place at the meeting. Led by Fred Smith, president of the association, and Frank Prinz, it was brought out that the present dry spell is making the water situation acute.

## 4-H Fair Auction Will Assist Sunshine Club

Members of the Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association will hold an auction at the annual fair Aug. 20, with all proceeds to go to the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club. The decision was made at a meeting last night in the Extension office.

The public will be solicited for items to be auctioned off. Contributions will be picked up by children organized by the Park Department, according to Superintendent Jackson J. Perry.

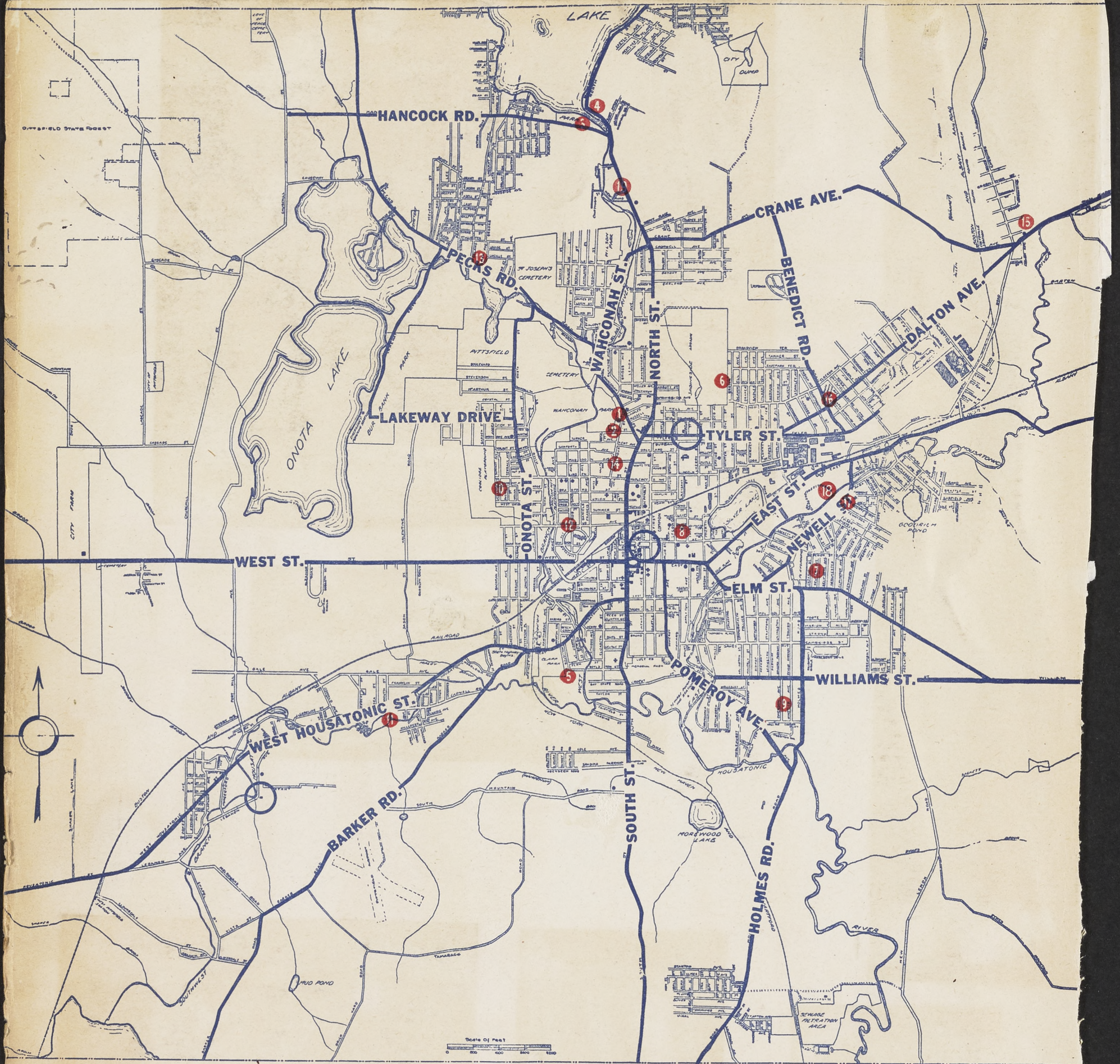
Hugh Ferry of Windsor is president of the affair; Mrs. Charles Geoffrion of Cheshire, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Bliven of Otis, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles J. Nagelschmidt and Mrs. Winthrop E. Brielman, are corresponding secretary and treasurer, respectively, from Pittsfield.

## Durlacher To Call For Outdoor Dance

Edward Durlacher, famous square dance caller who took part in Saturday night's dance at the Masonic Temple, probably will call at the first annual outdoor caller's night at Wahconah Park on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Jackson J. Perry, park superintendent, said that a good-sized crowd attended Saturday's dance to hear Mr. Durlacher, who recently was publicized in Variety.

There will be no square dance this Saturday, but on the 25th, the summer series will start at the Masonic Temple, with a new square dance taught each night. Registration will start then, too.





**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**Parks, Playgrounds, Swimming, and Community Center Facilities**

1. Wahconah Athletic Field—Baseball (Can-American League)—Boxing, Football—*Lights*. Junior City League Baseball.
2. Wahconah Playground—Children's Playground—Tiny Tot Area—Skating Rink.
3. Pontoosuc Lake Park—Picnic Facilities—Bathing Beach—Skating Rink.
4. Pontoosuc Park—Sun Bathing Area Only.
5. Clapp Park—Playfield—Baseball, Softball, Track, Football—Children's Playground—Limited Picnic Facilities—Winter Sport Center, Hockey, Skiing, Figure Skating, Coasting.
6. Springside Park—Children's Playground; Brown Baseball Diamond; Wading Pool; Teen Age Center; *Winter Sport Center*, Skiing, Skating, Coasting; Archery—Astronomical Observatory.
7. Deming—Playfield—Baseball, Softball; Children's Playground, *Skating Rink*—Football.
8. Common—Playfield—Baseball, Softball, Football; Children's Playground—*Winter Sport Center, Hockey & Skating*.
9. Root Park—Playfield—Baseball; Softball; Children's Playground—Archery.
10. Coolidge—Children's Playground—Baseball—*Skating Rink*.
11. Osceola—Children's Playground—*Skating Rink & Coasting Hill*.
12. Pitt—Playground—Children's Playground.
13. Highland—Playground—Tiny Tot and Children's.
14. Francis—Playground—Tiny Tot, under 12 years.
15. Coltsville—Children's Playground.
16. Crane—Children's Playground; Wading Pool.
17. Hibbard School—Community Center.
18. Hibbard—Children's Playground.
19. Pontoosuc—Children's Playground.



# CSA Annual Is Tonight

## Social Agencies Set To Re-elect F. A. Woodhead

The Council of Social Agencies has announced that Frank A. Woodhead is scheduled to be re-elected chairman at the annual meeting tonight. The meeting at 6.15 will be at the YMCA.

Mr. Woodhead, who will begin his third term, will be assisted by Mrs. Robert H. Colton, who will be re-elected vice-chairman. George S. Murphy is to be named treasurer, succeeding Anthony Sottile; and Mrs. Gladys A. Brigham will continue as secretary.

Heading the health division will be Mrs. Clark B. Harding and Dr. Alexander J. Youn, chairmen, who succeed Dr. Charles E. Gill and Mrs. Gilbert West. Mrs. Daniel N. Beers will be re-elected vice-chairman. Mrs. Joseph W. Reardon will head the health staff, succeeding Miss Alice V. Coffey.

James J. McNeice will be chairman of the leisure-time committee, succeeding John W. Butler; James N. Stack, vice-chairman, succeeding Nathaniel R. Herbits. On the staff will be Fred S. Fahey, chairman, succeeding Edmund J. Mongeon, and Jackson J. Perry, assistant chairman, succeeding Miss Larian Ochampaugh.

The family and children's division will be headed by Mrs. James Dixon, who is succeeding Mrs. Jay C. Rosenfeld; and Mrs. Rosenfeld will become vice-chairman, succeeding Mrs. Kinsley W. Given.

### Committee Heads

The following committee heads will be chosen: Luncheons, Miss Anna King, chairman, and Charles H. Hodecker, vice-chairman, re-elected; interpretation, Mrs. Norman W. Thomas, chairman, and Mrs. Peter Van S. Rice, vice-chairman; legislation, John C. Russ, chairman, and Sidney I. Katz, vice-chairman; housing, George P. Hunt Jr. and Mr. Rice, cochairmen; labor participation, Gerald Doyle, chairman, succeeding Elbie Westover.

Three will be named to three-year terms on the executive committee: Probate Judge F. Anthony Hanlon, Roger H. McCoy and Mr. Rice.

The Dreamers' Quartet will give a short program following the dinner. The singers are Orvin Olson, Bob Chappel, Norman Vercoe and John Ellis.

Mrs. Frederick Monte and Mrs. Stewart Adams are in charge of waitresses, who will be members of Girl Scout Troop 14. Others assisting with arrangements are Mrs. Robert D. Bardell and Mrs. David K. Spofford. Hosts and hostesses will be Mrs. Charles H. Vickery, Mrs. Loring G. Robbins, Rev. Harold L. Nevers and Roger W. McCoy.

## Beach Aides Start Course Monday Night

Students at the third annual aquatic training institute, a Department of Parks and Recreation project, will major in the use of inhalators and artificial respiration. The institute, a preparation for the official opening of public beaches Thursday, opens Monday night at 7 at the department office with a survey of this summer's program.

Professor Charles E. Silva of the Springfield College aquatics department will conduct all-day classes at the YMCA Tuesday for all staff members. On Wednesday there will be classes conducted by William L. Stuart, city supervisor of aquatics for the past three summers, an orientation trip to all municipal swimming facilities, a first aid demonstration by John H. Martin of the county Red Cross staff and a safety talk by Police Chief Thomas F. Calnan.



**GOLDEN AGE OUTING:** Some of the 180 Golden Agers who toured scenic spots around Bennington are pictured as they left in four busses and other private cars at 10 yesterday to return at 6. Walfrid T. Victoreen suggested the trip, solicited local merchants for more than \$150 and had identification tags made for the members. The Park Department had a photographer along to take 500 feet of colored film and also sent along ice cream and milk to go with their box lunches. Local police re-routed traffic away from Melville Street during the loading time.

## Recreation Leaders To Take Training

Leadership in recreational activities will be the subject of a four-day training course beginning Monday under the sponsorship of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Arthur Lawson of the National Recreation Association will be on hand to direct instruction in activities ranging from organiza-

tion and handling of tournaments to leading group singing. While the course is given primarily for those who will be employed as leaders by the department this summer, anyone interested is urged to attend.

All sessions will be held in the Girls' League gymnasium. It will open at 1.30 PM Monday and continue through eight sessions: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening; and Thursday morning and afternoon. There is no charge for attendance.

## Clapp Park Ends Special Spring Session

Four awards were made yesterday to junior leaders at Clapp Park for contributing most to the success of the first supervised spring playground program in the history of local parks. Winners were Angie Delsignore, Marilyn Hill, William McGowan and Joseph Spadafora.

The program, designed to provide recreation for school children before the regular summer playground season begins, was financed by an \$800 Junior League appropriation. William Troy, director of Clapp, says the program was a success.

The spring session closed yesterday with an all-day program, 600 children and parents attending. In the afternoon there was a track meet, in which William Pizzuto and Gerald Thebodo won the most prizes. The program included a hot dog roast and outdoor movies.

## Free Swim Classes To Be Given in City

Nine weeks of free swimming instruction will be undertaken this summer by the city-wide swimming committee.

The committee, representing the Parks and Recreation Department, the Berkshire County chapter of the American Red Cross, the public schools, the Berkshire Safety Council and The Berkshire Eagle, said the three series of lessons will begin June 28.

Pontoosuc public beach will be the scene of classes for children nine years old and over, as well as for adults; Springside and Crane pools will have the beginner classes for children under 9.

Only beginners and non-swimmers will be taught during the first series, from June 28 to July 15. Miss Barbara DuCharme of Dalton, who is on the beach staff of the Park Department, will teach. She is an accredited Red Cross water safety instructor, a graduate of the Red Cross aquatic

school at Camp Watitoh in Becket in 1947 and 1948, and has just completed her freshman year at Bowling Green State University.

### Blank To Be Published

An official application blank will appear in this newspaper for use in registration, beginning Monday. The card is to be signed by a parent and brought to the Park Department office at 52 School Street. Children under nine will be permitted to register with the life guard at Crane and Springside when those pools open June 23.

Two beginners' classes and two non-swimmers' classes will be held in the morning at Springside Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be repeated at Crane on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. At Pontoosuc, beginners' classes for boys and girls will take place in the afternoon; and for adults, in the early evening, during the first series. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.



## Mayor, England To Open Annual Playground Institute

Mayor Robert T. Capeless and Monroe B. England, chairman of the Park Commission, will open the fourth annual playground institute which begins here Monday for a four-day session under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The course is being sponsored for summer playground leaders and directors, and others interested in recreational activity.

It will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Breen Lawson of the National Recreational Association. Mrs. Lawson is the author of various pamphlets on games, and in addition has written the books,

"Partners at Play," "The Party Book," and "The Children's Party Book." Her varied recreational career has included service with the National Red Cross, and the Play-In Institution of the National Recreational Association.

### Nine Helpers

Among those who will assist in the instruction during the four-day course are Miss Marilyn F. Hughes, John Massimiano, Miss Arreta Edmonds, Miss Dorothy B. McGee, George H. Kelly, Robert Boland, John Lyons, Mrs. Fred N. Krock, and Pittsfield Department Director Jackson J. Perry.

Topics to be discussed during the institute program include: The square dance, group singing, program planning for all ages, organization of leagues and tournaments, story-telling, safety, and other special activities.

### Financing Should Be Easy

Indications are that the City Council will adopt an order providing the additional money so that steps can be taken for the construction of a grandstand at Wahconah Park. Naturally the financial end comes up for consideration and it should not be difficult to take in enough money at the park during the year to help pay interest on the loan and also to take care of the principal.

A grandstand at Wahconah Park will attract some fans to the park who would not go on a hot afternoon or on an evening when the weather is threatening. With increased gate receipts the rental fee paid to the city would be larger.

Thus the grandstand, which was blocked by the war and later by high costs of materials, should not be held up at this time from a financial standpoint as it does not threaten any burden on the taxpayers. It hardly can be considered a luxury or a waste for a city as large and prosperous as Pittsfield to have a grandstand seating 1500. Some whistle stops have stands that large.

It seems to me that the people are beginning to appreciate the fine job done by the Park Department in fixing up the playing field at Wahconah Park and also the vast sector which is being put in good condition for parking purposes.

Naturally I am in favor of any additional school buildings which may be considered necessary by people of good common sense and with the best interests of Pittsfield at heart, but the new grandstand will provide comforts for adults.

In fact I think it is about time a word is said for people beyond school age as well as for children. Surely nobody who does much thinking will deny proper education for children and on the other hand persons in authority should not consider it a crime to put up a grandstand which would enable people beyond the age for performing strenuous exercises to sit in comfort and watch interesting contests in their favorite sport.

## Policing Schedule For Parks Listed

Duty hours for the five recently appointed special park policemen have been announced. The areas of Clapp, Springside, Coolidge, Deming and Common will be supervised over all week ends beginning Saturday.

Hours are Saturdays from 9.30 to 12, 1.30 to 5.30, and 6.30 to 9; Sundays from 10 to 12, 1 to 5, and 6 to 9.

## Mayor Asks \$41,000 for Grandstand

### Dillon Named Chairman of New Commission

Long-stymied plans for a grandstand at Wahconah Park approached the final hurdle at City Hall today as Mayor Capeless asked the City Council to provide funds for a 1500-seat structure that will cost an estimated \$115,000.

At the same time, the mayor named a new five-man commission to replace the Grandstand Commission that was disbanded at its own request six months ago after three years of fruitless attempts to obtain a grandstand that the city could afford.

Chairman of the new commission, which will come before the Council for confirmation tonight, is Edward V. Dillon of 48 Strong Avenue, General Electric employee, and a member of the Pittsfield Indians' board of directors.

Other members are Wolcott Fuller of 27 Brunswick Street, Maurice B. Rosenfield of 32 Arlington Street, Commissioner of Public Buildings Frederic Van Wie, and George D. Austin of 77 Whittier Avenue, who will be the Park Commission's representative on the grandstand group.

### \$73,416 Balance Remains

Only \$41,000 was requested in the appropriation order filed with the Council by Mayor Capeless this morning. This is because a balance of \$73,416 still remains in the grandstand fund that was set up during the administration of former Mayor James Fallon.

In a letter accompanying the appropriation order, Mayor Capeless pointed out that the grandstand project has already been approved by the Capital Outlay Committee and stated that he "fully concurs" in that group's decision. He said that the two major problems raised—whether the city could afford it, and whether soil conditions at the proposed site could make possible a safe and economical structure—had been answered to the satisfaction of himself and the commission.

"The only question now," he added, "is whether we are willing to spend this kind of money on recreational facilities when our needs in other fields are so great."

The mayor's order establishing the commission instructs it to erect a grandstand "with a minimum seating capacity of 1500 persons" and "to include necessary and additional toilet facilities, dressing rooms, and plumbing and wiring installations."

The decision to build the toilet facilities and dressing rooms at this time represents a speed-up in the construction schedule that had been unofficially agreed upon when the grandstand question was reopened two months ago. At that time it was felt the best plan would be to build only the grandstand itself, which would cost an estimated \$85,000, and to delay construction of the interior features until a later date.

### Work May Start in Fall

If the appropriation order filed by Mayor Capeless is approved by the City Council, work on the grandstand will presumably get under way this fall as soon as the Indians conclude their 1949 baseball schedule at Wahconah. Bids for the job would be solicited by the new grandstand commission during the summer.

Reopening of the grandstand

## Subjects Listed For Free Course In Lifesaving

A list of subjects to be covered in the free lifesaving classes to be given at the Pontoosuc Lake public beach the next two weeks was announced today by James H. Thompson, supervisor of aquatics in the sponsoring Parks and Recreation Department.

Adults (over 16 years of age) will be given fundamentals of swimming, finding submerged victims, how to control and carry fighting victims and artificial respiration. The course also will include use of waterfront equipment and talks on waterfront safety. Classes will be Mondays through Thursdays at 6.30 P.M. with the first class next Tuesday because of the holiday Monday. Applicants should notify the Park Department office.

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## Junior Teams To Open Play

### Competition Starts For Place in Johnstown Tourney

Plans for the opening of the A Division of the Junior City Baseball League were completed last night at a meeting of the four managers at the Parks and Recreation Department. The first game will be played at Clapp Park Friday night with Brass Rail's defending champions opposing the Hollywood B team.

Brass Rail and Hollywood A, which ranked, one, two, respectively, a year ago, will clash Sunday afternoon at 2 at Clapp Park in the first game of a double-header. Hollywood B will oppose the East Side Cafe in the nightcap.

The Division A winner will earn the right to represent Pittsfield in the All-America amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa., August 23-29.

Division B of the league will resume its slate tonight, when the Pittsfield Sporting Goods will oppose the Wahconah Indians at Deming Field. The slate for the coming week is as follows: Friday: Red's Dairy vs St. Mark's at Deming Field; DeMolay vs Notre Dame at Wahconah Field; Sunday: Pittsfield Sporting Goods vs Red's Dairy at Deming; DeMolay vs Wahconah Indians at Deming.

## Grandstand Tops Agenda Of Council

### Meeting Tonight To Act Upon 59 Other Items

Approval of plans for constructing a \$115,000 grandstand at Wahconah Park will be the major issue at City Hall tonight as the City Council goes into special session to dispose of some 60 items of business that it didn't have time to deal with during its meeting last Tuesday.

The grandstand proposal, submitted to the Council a week ago by Mayor Capeless, calls for an appropriation of \$41,000 to supplement the \$74,000 that is already contained in an account established for this purpose during the Fallon administration. On the basis of estimates recently prepared by the Hussey Manufacturing Company, a Maine construction firm, it is now believed that a 1500-seat grandstand can be built for this amount.

Tonight's special session was agreed to last Tuesday night when it became obvious that the Council could not complete its scheduled business at that time. The meeting was adjourned immediately after a two-hour debate on the mayor's school building recommendation, which was the first item on the agenda.

In addition to the grandstand question, other major items held over until tonight include the parking meter commission's request for establishment of parking meters and parallel parking on North Street, the mayor's reappointment of Chairman Frederick M. Myers to the Planning Board, and a salary increase petition from the officers of the Fire Department. It is expected, however, that the North Street parking problem will be referred to committee for further study and possible public hearings.

## Regatta Plans To Be Discussed

Plans for the fifth annual 4th of July regatta of the Berkshire Outboard Association will be completed at a meeting of the group in the office of the Department of Parks and Recreation at 7.45 tonight.



## FREE SWIMMING INSTRUCTION CAMPAIGN

Pontoosuc Public Beach      Springside Pool      Crane Pool

Classes for boys-girls—  
9 years and over at Pontoosuc Public Beach.

Classes for boys-girls—  
Under 9 years at Springside and Crane Pools.

This coupon properly filled out and a registration fee of 10c should be brought to Park Department Office, 52 School Street, where it will be exchanged for Registration Card.

(Registration for children under 9 years of age can be made with Life Guards at Springside and Crane Pools.)

I will co-operate with the sponsoring organizations and hereby give

(Name of applicant)

permission to enroll in one of the Instruction classes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign sponsored by:

Parks and Recreation Department; Berkshire County Chapter, American Red Cross; Pittsfield Public Schools; Berkshire Safety Council; Berkshire Evening Eagle.

Fee of 10c defrays costs of printing, mailing, use of facilities.

## Beach, Pool To Open Tomorrow 6/22

### Pontoosuc and Springside To Have Supervision

Two of Pittsfield's water spots—Pontoosuc beach and Springside pool—will open officially tomorrow at 10 AM with full-time life-guards on duty. Crane wading pool which was scheduled to open tomorrow will not because recent rains have delayed the painting now in progress. It should be ready by Friday or Saturday.

Many additions have been made to the public bathing areas. At Pontoosuc and the wading pool permanent fences have been installed to replace the former snow fences which were considered an eyesore. A five-dock sun bathing area has been added at the beach and no swimming will be allowed from them. Over a hundred loads of sand have also been put in as well as a coat of paint on the bathhouse.

At Pontoosuc the following guards will be on duty: Fernard Hubbard, beachmaster, Robert M. Gair, Richard Sommerville, Byron Filkins, Cyrus Henry, and Jay Coronet. Miss Charlotte Myers and Miss Sylvia Shea will be in charge of the women's bathhouse, and the men's side will be handled by George Frank and Martin Dowd.

At Springside pool, Mrs. Jeanette Cornelius will be the lifeguard and Miss Nancy Levitt will have charge at Crane. On their days off Miss Virginia Gilbert will fill-in, spend the rest of her time at Pontoosuc.

Unlike the beach which will be guarded from 10 AM to dusk, the two pools will be watched only between the hours of 10 to noon, 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 daily.

## Grandstand Financing To Be Topic

### Committee Meets Tonight With 6/21 Ball Club Officials

The mayor's request for funds to build a \$115,000 grandstand at Wahconah Park will be the principal issue at City Hall tonight when the Council's Committee on Finance is scheduled to go into a huddle on the question with representatives of the Pittsfield Indians.

Members of the Council are in substantial agreement as to the necessity for a grandstand, but are far from unanimous in their ideas as to how the project should be handled. Councilman George A. Purnell, a member of the Finance Committee, argued last week that the city should get a return on the proposed grandstand investment in the form of a cut on the Indians' gate receipts.

Tonight's session was called to straighten out this and other problems before the full Council's regular meeting tomorrow. Members of the Park Department have joined Indians President Paul A. Tamburello in stating that unless the Council takes prompt action on the appropriation, it may be impossible to get the grandstand built by the start of the 1950 baseball season.

At its meeting tomorrow night, the Council will also receive a new and amended order setting up a commission to take charge of constructing the grandstand if the necessary funds are allotted.

This order was submitted to the Council last week, but was subsequently returned to the mayor with the request that the five-man commission be increased to include a member of the Council. As amended, the order now provides for a sixth grandstand commissioner to be appointed by Council President Edward J. McDonald.

## City Council Delays Action On Grandstand Appropriation

### Request for \$41,000 Referred to Finance Committee—Mayor Asked To Name Councilman to Commission 6/21

Action on the mayor's request for funds to build a \$115,000 grandstand at Wahconah Park was put off for a week at City Hall last night as the City Council voted to defer a decision until the proposal has been subjected to further study at a meeting of the Council's Finance Committee next Monday night.

This procedure was agreed to after a 15-minute discussion which found the councilmen in substantial accord with the need for a grandstand but at some variance in their ideas as to how the project should be handled.

George A. Purnell insisted that if the city is to pay for the structure it should get a cut on the Pittsfield Indians' gate receipts. Mrs. Leonora Goerlach argued without any visible support for the idea of holding up the grandstand appropriations until it is learned whether the city will get legislative permission to float its school loans outside its legal debt limit.

Edward T. McGovern maintained that the mayor's proposed appropriation of only \$41,000 didn't make any sense because it was based on the assumption that the city already has a \$74,000 grandstand fund left over from appropriations made during the Fallon administration. This \$74,000, McGovern insisted, was returned to the city treasury some months ago by order of the Council.

#### Councilman Wanted

The Council also declined to take immediate action on an order from Mayor Capeless establishing a new Wahconah Park Grandstand Commission and naming five men to serve on the group. At the request of Roy F. Brown, who argued that a commission without City Council representation would mean that "we would be kept in the dark as to what is going on," the order was sent back to the mayor with instructions to add a sixth commissioner and to make it a councilman.

Purnell's contention that the city should share the Indians' take from a new grandstand was based, he said, on the fact that "this \$115,000 belongs to the people of Pittsfield." He argued that the taxpayers were entitled to "a return on their investment."

President Paul A. Tamburello of the Pittsfield Indians, who appeared before last night's session to represent his ball club, labeled this proposal impractical and pointed out that the Indians would not be the only beneficiaries of a grandstand.

"When Purnell talks about returning receipts to the city trea-

sury," Mr. Tamburello told the Council, "he's talking about putting the city into the baseball business. I don't think you want to do that."

In committing the grandstand appropriation to the Finance Committee for further study, the Council agreed that the committee's Monday meeting should include representatives of the Pittsfield Indians and any other interested parties. The Monday session was arranged in the hope that the committee will have its recommendations ready to submit to the next meeting of the full Council, which is scheduled for the following evening.

This move for speedy action was urged by Mr. Tamburello, who said that if a decision is not reached promptly it may prove impossible to erect the grandstand in time for the 1950 baseball season. Reiterating his earlier warnings that failure to go ahead with the stand may cost the Indians their Can-Am League franchise, he said that "no professional baseball club in this country has facilities that are more inadequate than ours."

## 35 Play Leaders Attend Opening Of Institute 6/21

Thirty-five part-time recreational leaders from Dalton and Pittsfield attended the opening session of the Park Department's training school at the Girl's League yesterday.

Mrs. Lawson of the National Recreation Association conducted the bulk of the program, discussing participation in games, play characteristics in various age groups, and instruction in games. Miss Marilyn Hughes, director of the Coltsville playground, instructed in community singing, and Miss Jean Guiltinan, who handles the daily parks and recreation program over WBRK spoke about playground publicity.

At the aquatic training institute in the Park Department's offices, 14 staff members turned out for the opening session to hear James Thompson, supervisor of aquatics, discuss rules and regulations.

## Keep the Streets Clean and You'll Find Your Watch 6/15

Miss Marilyn Binder of 61 Clarendon Street may not pick the best place to keep her gold graduation wrist watch, but she has found that civic virtue has its rewards.

She reported to police yesterday that she'd lost the watch. Later, when she recalled that she might have put it in a popcorn box she later threw away, Desk Officer Charles C. Kelly sent her to the Park Department.

When it turned out that instead of toting the box in the street she had put it in a city refuse can at Park Square, Frank J. Gallipeau of the Park Department went along with her to look. It was there.

## Family Movies On Playgrounds Open Monday 6/22

Two operators who will handle the family movie series at all of the 15 playgrounds during the summer season opening Monday were announced today by Mrs. Donald McDonald, chairman of the central playground council's movie committee.

Reginald LeBelle and Francis Martin will each operate a show, visiting a different playground every night. For the present, the shows will last about an hour each and will be given once at every playground.

The schedule for Mr. LeBelle's unit next week follows: Monday, Clapp; Tuesday, Common; Wednesday, Coltsville; Thursday, Coolidge; Friday, Crane. Mr. Martin's schedule is: Monday, Hubbard; Tuesday, Highland; Wednesday, Osceola; Thursday, Pitt; and Friday, Pontoosuc.



## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS &amp; RECREATION

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Attendance Report

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	Area			Week of			Total			
	Morning			Afternoon				Evening		
	Boys	Girls	Adults	Boys	Girls	Adults		Boys	Girls	Adults
Sunday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Monday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thursday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Friday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Be careful in your estimate - we want as accurate a count as possible.  
 Fill blank completely.  
 Please leave completed blanks at Park & Recreation Office, or at Central Fire  
 Station by 10:00 P.M., every Sunday night. No exceptions.  
 Areas with weekend park police - Make arrangements with them for completing  
 weekly reports.

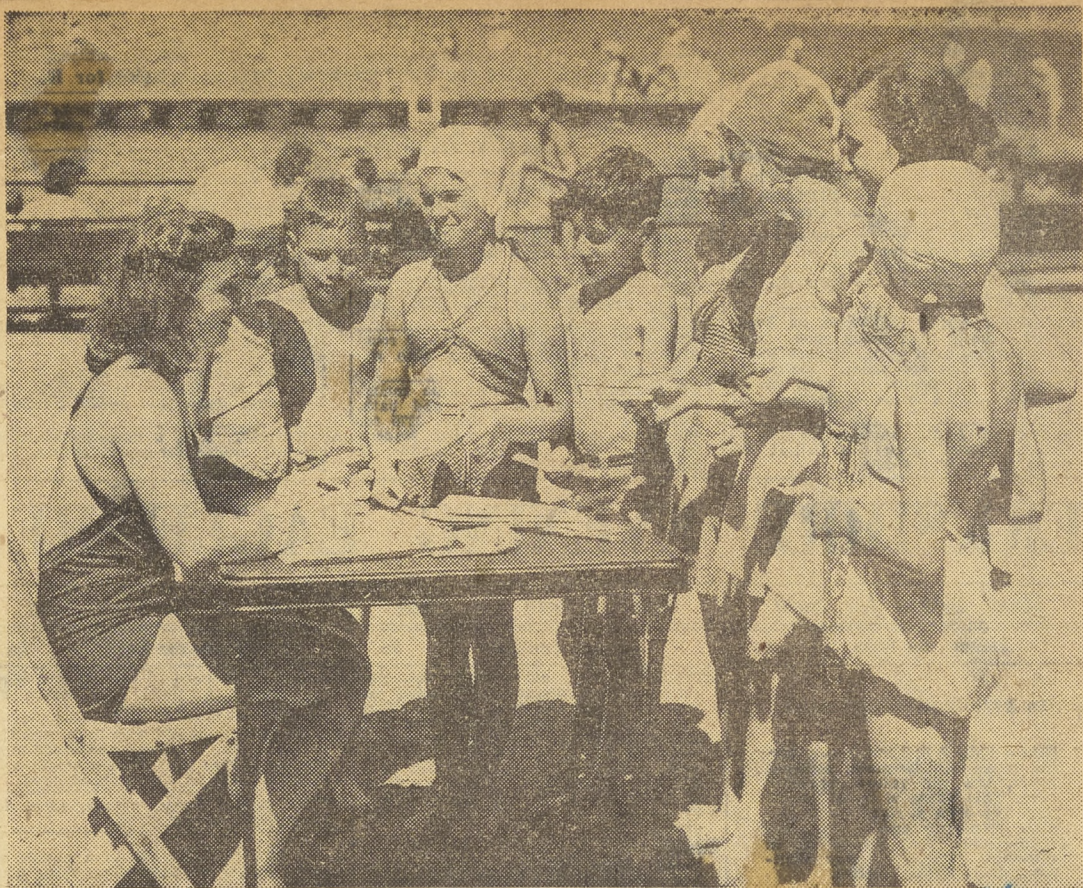
Plan to take attendance at peak hours - suggested times:

10:00 A.M.

3:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.





**SWIMMERS FOR FREE:** These eight youngsters were among the group that registered yesterday at Pontoosuc for the Park Department's city-wide program of free swimming instruction. Here Barbara Ducharme, instructor, registers, in the usual order, Marlene Arena, John DiCicco, Rosemarie Geerhardt, Anthony Polidoro, Marguerite Dadak, Rita Charlebois, Constance Plona and Maureen Barents.

## Swim Lessons Start Tuesday

Registrations for  
Free Course To **6/24**  
Close on Monday

Registrations for the free swimming classes sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department will close Monday and the instruction will start Tuesday. Sixty-one have been accepted at the Pontoosuc public beach, six at the Crane wading pool, 10 at Springside and 10 for the Pontoosuc evening adult beginners' class.

Miss Barbara J. Ducharme, instructor, will take registration today at the public beach, tomorrow morning from 10 until 12 at Springside and Saturday morning from 10 to 12 at Crane. Registrations will also be taken at the public beach tomorrow and Saturday afternoons. The classes are limited.

The Park Department will arrange transportation. Anyone who can help take children to places of instruction is asked to call the Park Department.

## Golden Age Club Is Increasing **6/29**

Seven new members were added to the Golden Age Club's roster at yesterday's weekly meeting in the YMCA with 164 on hand to enjoy a sketch by Louis T. Smith and Mrs. Sarah Eddy. Mrs. Nina Lee provided piano accompaniment.

Miss Yvonne P. Worrell, park department girls' and women's supervisor, recited a poem written by Richard Engelman. The birthday cake was won by Mrs. Ernest Wood and the box of candy by Joseph Colello.

Yvonne Worrell  
Elected to **1949**  
Golden Age Post



Yvonne Worrell **4/23**

Miss Yvonne Worrell was elected assistant secretary of the Golden Age Club at a meeting attended by more than 150 yesterday afternoon at the YMCA.

Walfrid T. Victoreen reported on the club's trip to Bennington, Vt. Stephen Burns told jokes, and Thomas F. D. ... spoke and read a poem. The birthday cake was awarded to Joseph Greenleaf. Cards were sent to Mrs. L. J. Martin of 793 North Street.

A motion was made to thank the Girls' League for offering the use of the league for meetings. The offer was declined.

## Race for New England Title Will Be Staged Here Aug. 21 **6/23**

The New England AAU announced today that the Department of Parks and Recreation of Pittsfield had been awarded the 30 kilometer championship run to be held in Pittsfield Aug. 21 with the start and finish at Clapp Park. This run of 18 miles is bound to attract to Pittsfield some of the outstanding runners in the East.

In conjunction with the 30-kilometer run a number of track and field events will be held starting at 1:30 on the 21st expected to attract a number of high school and college runners. Entry blanks will be released within the next two days

with a large number expected to be distributed Saturday in Schenectady where the Adirondack AAC track and field championships are to be held.

Letters were mailed today to a number of track enthusiasts in the city asking them to sit in and help the department put across its first venture in the track and field phase of sports. The meet will be known as the first annual Berkshire Hills track and field championships.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners the superintendent was instructed to go ahead with plans for the proper reconstruction of the Clapp Park track.

Bids will be asked for within 10 days to construct the proper cement construction around the entire track to be completed by Aug. 1. Immediately thereafter or at the same time work will be started on completing a 220-yard straightaway near the big bank at Clapp Park and revamping the track to allow six lanes to operate. New fine cinders and clay will be added until the track is put in good shape.

Anyone interested in getting track started off with a good layout at Clapp Park and in assisting to put across the first annual Berkshire Hills event is asked to be on hand tonight at 7:45 in the Park Department office.

## State Titles To Be at Stake In Regatta

Plans Completed  
For Motorboat  
Races Here July 4 **6/22**

Massachusetts state championships for five classes of motorboat races have been granted to the Berkshire Outboard Association for the July 4 regatta on Pontoosuc Lake which they are giving in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The announcement came last night during a meeting of the association which completed plans for the fifth annual event. Championships will be for midget, A, B, and C hydroplane and C runabout classes.

The souvenir program which the group is printing to defray expenses will go to press this evening. Fred Gillis, financial director of the meet, has reported that all but \$150 of the amount needed to finance the event has been raised.

## Businessmen's Softball League Standing

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Moose	5	0	1.000
Eagle Cafe	3	1	.750
Mt. Carmel	3	1	.750
DelGallo's Cafe	1	3	.250
Bnai Brith	1	3	.250
O'Brien's	0	5	.000

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Tonight  
O'Brien's vs Moose.

Tomorrow  
Eagle Cafe vs DelGallo's. **6/23**

Wednesday  
Bnai Brith vs Mt. Carmel.

Thursday  
Eagle Cafe vs DelGallo's.

Friday  
DelGallo's vs O'Brien's.



# Hollywoods Trowned by Brass Rail

Defending Champs  
Assert Supremacy  
in 13-3 Rout

JUNIOR CITY FLEA LEAGUE STANDING

A LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brass Rail	2	0	1.000
Eastside Cafe	1	0	1.000
Hollywood A	0	1	.000
Hollywood B	0	2	.000

B LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wahconah Indians	4	4	.500
Pittsfield Sporting Goods	4	4	.500
St. Mark's	4	4	.500
Notre Dame	3	5	.365
DeMolay	2	5	.275
Red's Dairy Bar	1	6	.143

Brass Rail's defending Junior City Baseball League champions yesterday afternoon at Clapp Park were as prolific in the base hit column as their sponsor, Pat Cioffi, is in conversation. So the result of an expected battle for the lead was a 13-3 rout for the high-geared Railers over the Hollywood Restaurant A.

That was the first game of a double-header. In the second, the Hollywood B team fell before the East Side Cafe 7-6. The contests were a continuation of four-team play which started Friday for the right to represent the city in the All-America amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa., in August.

Dick Seidell, a former member of the Hollywood team, hurled effectively for Brass Rail in all except the fourth inning, when wildness led to the first two opposition scores. Every member of the Brass Rail regular line-up contributed at least once to the 18-hit cluster off two hurlers, southpaw Don Murphy and right-hander Joe Zavattero.

By the time that Seidell was visited with a lapse of control, the Railers had built an 11-0 lead at the end of three and one-half innings. Dick Pucko, John Reddington and Walter Creer had three hits apiece for the winners. Joe Hawboldt had two of the safeties for the losers.

John Massimiano, Hollywood Restaurant southpaw, let the East Side Cafe down with a solitary hit, but passes cost him the verdict. He walked 10 men. Free tickets forced in the tying and winning runs in the seventh. He had 14 strike-outs.

Charley Evans of Hollywood hit a home run.

The scores:

Brass Rail			
ab	h	po	a
Brennan, 3	4	1	1
Hatch, 2	5	2	1
Gregory, 1	4	1	2
M'Mahon, 3	2	2	0
Pucko, 1	3	3	5
Re'nton, 3	5	3	0
Creer, 2	4	3	9
St'mpek, 1	3	1	0
M'm'n, 1	0	0	0
Seidell, 1	4	2	0
39	18	21	5

Hollywood A			
ab	h	po	a
Kreiger, 1	3	0	3
M'head, 1	3	0	0
C'penter, 1	2	1	8
Lavelle, 1	2	1	0
Flynn, 1	3	0	7
S'phard, 1	4	1	1
Sheran, 2	3	1	1
Hawkbolt, 3	2	2	1
Murphy, 1	0	1	0
Zavatero, 2	0	0	0
27	6	21	11

Brass Rail	304	402	0-13
Hollywood A	000	201	0-3

Runs, Hatch 2, E. McMahon 3, Pucko 3, Reddington 2, Creer 1, Carpenter, Lavelle, Shepard. Runs batted in, Pucko 4, Reddington 2, Creer 1, Stumpek 2, Seidell 3, Shepard, Sheran, Hawboldt. Errors, Kreiger 2, Lavelle, Hawboldt. Two-base hits, Reddington, Hawboldt. Three-base hit, Stumpek. Stolen bases, Hawboldt, Reddington. Sacrifice, Gregory. Left on bases, Brass Rail 8, Hollywood 8. Base on balls, off Seidell 6, Zavatero 1. Struck out, by Murphy 1, Zavatero 3, Seidell 9. Hits, off Murphy, 13 in 3 1-3 innings; Zavatero, 5 in 2 2-3. Hit by pitcher, by Seidell (Flynn). Zavatero (E. McMahon). Wild pitch, Seidell. Winning pitcher, Seidell. Losing pitcher, Murphy. Umpires, Holden and Meehan. Time, 2h.

Hollywood B			
ab	h	po	a
DiAngelo, 2	3	1	1
Stewart, 3	4	1	0
Evans, 1	4	2	3
JG'valtis, 4	1	15	0
M'miano, 4	1	0	2
Gorman, 3	3	2	1
Albano, 1	0	0	0
M'rdock, 1	3	0	1
D'coni, 1	0	0	0
Leslie, 1	0	0	0
CG'v'ltis, 3	0	0	0
30	8	21	4

Eastside	200	010	4-7
Hollywood B	200	310	0-6

# Swim Classes Are Popular

Second Session  
Begins July 18;  
Register Now

The first three-week swimming instruction period at local public areas opened today under sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Department, with a waiting list of 30 for classes at Pontoosuc Lake. There is room for 20 more novice swimmers at Crane and five for Springside, according to James H. Thompson, supervisor of aquatics.

Pontoosuc has 141 children and 20 adults registered, Crane has 77 and Springside has 103. Anyone interested in registering for one of the vacancies, or for the second swim-period beginning July 18, should notify the Park Department.

Parents are asked to mark towels plainly so that children will not lose their property, and prospective swimmers for Crane are reminded no bathhouse is available. Swimmers using Pontoosuc should carry the blue cards mailed to them after registration, entitling them to free checking at the bathhouse.

Everyone taking instruction should check the radio for rainy day plans. Mondays through Fridays from 8.45 to 9 AM Station WBRK is carrying "Playground Previews" and any changes in swim schedules will be announced then and on the noon broadcast. Miss Jean A. Guiltinan supervises the program for the Park Department. Mr. Thompson thanked the Park Department, The Eagle and Red Cross for making the campaign possible.

# Brass Rail Scores 14-0

Bobby Adeson Has  
Two-Hitter for  
Defending Champs

Bobby Adeson, Yale University freshman athlete, hurled a two-hitter for Brass Rail as the defending Junior City Baseball League champions trounced the East Side Cafe 14-0 at Wahconah Field last night. It was the Railers' third straight win in the special play to determine the city's representative to the All-America amateur tournament at Johnstown, Pa., in August.

Coach Ray Goodrich's team combed Johnny Skowron for 13 hits, including triples by Al Goerlach and Dick Pucko. Bobby Brennan, Earl Hatch, John Reddington, Adeson, and Goerlach had two safeties apiece.

The issue was settled early. Brass Rail scored eight times in the first inning, then was comparatively quiet until a five-run sixth.

The score:

Brass Rail			
ab	h	po	a
Brennan, 3	3	2	0
Hatch, 2	4	2	2
Red'ton, 3	2	2	2
Adeson, 2	2	2	1
Stumpek, 2	2	0	0
Seidell, 1	1	0	0
Creer, 1	3	1	0
Pucko, 1	4	1	4
Miraglia, 2	1	9	0
G'riach, 1	4	2	4
23	13	21	7

Eastside Cafe			
ab	h	po	a
O'Hearn, 1	0	5	0
Bogino, 3	0	0	1
Montini, 1	3	0	7
Crespi, 1	3	0	1
Yannone, 1	3	1	2
Riello, 3	2	0	1
DIM'sino, 1	2	0	1
Qu'lietti, 2	1	1	2
Skowron, 2	0	0	0
21	2	18	6

Runs, Brennan 2, Reddington, Adeson 2, Stumpek, Seidell, Creer 2, Pucko, Miraglia 2, Goerlach 2. Errors, Montini, Crespi, DiMassimo, Skowron. Two-base hits, Brennan, Miraglia. Three-base hits, Goerlach, Pucko. Double play, Reddington, Hatch and Pucko. Left on bases, Brass Rail 8, Eastside Cafe 3. Base on balls, off Adeson, Skowron 7. Struck out, by Adeson 9, Skowron 4. Umpires, Luzis and Gonzales. Time 1h 20m.

# Summer Park Program Opens Monday at 15 Areas

The Park Department announced today that two new play areas, Hibbard and Pontoosuc, will be added to the list of 13 parks which open Monday for the summer. Theme for this year's supervised programs will be "Playmates Around the World," with each park being assigned a nationality around which to style its projects in arts and crafts, music and dancing.

The 10-week schedule includes friendship week, safety week, family week, good neighbor week, mardi gras week, contest week, nature week, folk festival week, arts and crafts weeks, and party week.

A staff of 35 members, all of whom attended special sessions at the Playground Institute will guide the program Monday through Fridays on the following schedule: 9 AM to 12 noon, 1.30 PM to 5.30 PM, and 6.15 to 8.45 PM. In addition, a park policeman will be on the areas of Clapp, Common, Dem-

ing, Springside and Coolidge on Saturdays and Sundays to supervise the swings and slides.

The playground personnel and the nationality assigned to each park is as follows: Clapp Park, Ireland, director, William J. Troy, leader, Miss Maureen E. O'Brien; Coltsville, Russia, director, Miss Marilyn F. Hughes, leader, William P. Prendergast; Common, China, director, James H. Mattoon Jr., leader, Miss Jean F. Quinn; Coolidge, Italy, director, Alphonse R. Bianchi, leader, Miss Roxanne B. Weaver; Crane, Scotland, director, William F. Magner, leader, Miss Glenys L. Thompson; Deming, Israel, director, Joseph P. McGovern, leader, Miss Eileen Zemmel; Francis Avenue, Czechoslovakia, director, Miss Jean L. O'Brien, leader, Miss Jo Ann Masterson.

Hibbard, Portugal, director, John H. Goewey, leader, Miss Norma M. Carosso; Highland, Holland, director, David H. Green, leader, Miss Claire Rosenfield; Osceola, Sweden, director, William R. Flynn, leader, Miss Bertha S. Christenson; Pitt, American Indian, director, Gordon D. Sargent, leader, Miss Arretta I. Edmonds; Pontoosuc, Germany, director, Miss Alice M. Wood, leader, James J. Mooney; Root, Philippines, director, Robert K. Bernhardt, leader, Miss Marjorie A. Sullivan; Springside, Mexico, director, Norman C. Najimy, leader, Miss Priscilla F. Retallick; Wahconah, Poland, director, Frank A. Plowe, leader, Miss Janet M. Ellis. Supervisor of arts and crafts on the project is Robert Boland; supervisor of music and dance, George H. Kelley, and supervisor of archery, John Lyons.

# Leadership Pays Off

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:— The Clapp Park Neighborhood Council wishes to express their gratitude to the Junior League and the Parks and Recreation Department for conducting a successful spring playground program.

Aside from the immediate value to both children and parents who availed themselves of the playground facilities, there was a more far reaching purpose for this project. It was planned by the Park Department as a demonstration program designed to show the need for supervised play during the spring and fall, as well as the summer. It was proven beyond a doubt that, given competent leadership,

playground will be used far more than if merely left idle. Facts and figures speak for themselves.

More than 15,000 people used Clapp Park during the past six weeks. A varied program was offered to the children and the parents. It ranged all the way from kite contests to hot dog roasts and father-son baseball games. Perhaps one of the most successful activities was the four-team pee-wee baseball league. These activities and the high attendance could not be possible without leadership.

Speaking for the Neighborhood Council, we pray that the playground areas (which are already in existence) and the equipment (which is already on hand) may be put to its maximum use by guidance and leadership.

Mrs. LESTER THEBODO.  
Mrs. DAVID PRENTISS.  
Pittsfield.

# Playground Use Beats Last Year

Attendance records at Pittsfield's playgrounds should be broken easily this season judging from yesterday's initial registration of 2022 at the 15 playgrounds. That is 346 more than last year's opening day, and 300 of that total came from Hibbard and Pontoosuc, two new areas this year.

The Common had the largest attendance with 206, and Coltsville was smallest with 76. The others were: Crane 119; Clapp, 150; Coolidge, 130; Deming, 147; Francis Avenue, 157; Highland, 125; Osceola, 89; Pitt, 112; Root, 147; Springside, 163; Wahconah, 96.

# Girl Bather Injured

Miss Ruth Sherman of Cherry Street was taken home in the police ambulance yesterday afternoon after cutting her foot in the season's first accident at the Pontoosuc Lake beach.

Investigation showed that the girl cut her foot while climbing the rocks near the outlet.

# Play Councils Air Problems

The neighborhood council of Hibbard playground will meet tonight at 7.45 and the Springside council will meet tomorrow night at 7.30 to discuss playground problems, plans for the season and methods of obtaining money for playground extras.

Mrs. Elbert H. Farrell and Mrs. Edward F. White were named Deming representatives to the central council at a meeting at the neighborhood council Tuesday night at the playground, and Mrs. Shirley J. Rodda, and Mrs. Joseph F. Greb, Pontoosuc representative at a meeting last night. Mrs. Joseph Baughien is chairman of the Pontoosuc council. The Clapp council met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Howard F. Prentiss, 39 Harris Street.

The following are council members: Clapp, Mrs. William J. Kilackey, Mrs. Lester Thebodo, Mrs. Howard F. Prentiss, Mrs. William P. McGowan, Mrs. John E. Wasuk and Mrs. John H. White; Deming, Mrs. Edward V. Prundsun, Mrs. Hugo P. Bertelli, Mrs. White, Mrs. Philip M. Gerlack, Mrs. Farrell, Miss Dorene James and Mrs. Clayton Francher, and Pontoosuc, Mr. and Mrs. Baughien, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford C. Stevens, Mrs. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah J. Hyland, Mrs. Louis Harris, Mrs. James Spaniol, Mrs. Raymond C. Harris, Mrs. Andrew Sincere, Mrs. George Herrick, Mrs. Rodda, Mrs. Greb, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Street, Thomas F. Street, Mrs. Leon C. Clark and Mrs. Oscar Ouellette.



# McMahon Boys Get Initial Bonus Offers

**Billy Receives  
\$10,000 Bid From  
Reds, Eddie Has Two**

By ROGER O'GARA 6/28

The baseball playing McMahons, captains of the city's two inter-scholastic teams the past spring, disclosed today that they have received their initial bids from big league teams.

A bonus of \$10,000 from the Cincinnati Reds is the highest offer Bill McMahon, St. Joseph's High fireball pitcher, has received, he said. However, he revealed that the Boston Red Sox have indicated that they are willing to go higher as soon as he is able to pitch again. McMahon underwent a thorough inspection from the Sox trainer the day before Pittsfield High faced Brockton High for the state title at Braves Field, and was told that he had a torn muscle. The trainer advised about two weeks of rest. Bill said today that his arm feels better daily.

Eddie McMahon, Pittsfield High's star shortstop, has two offers of \$4500, he disclosed. The bidding clubs are the Cincinnati Reds and the Philadelphia Athletics. Eddie said he will continue to talk to scouts. He has dates with several more in the next few weeks.

Eddie and William (Bobo) Quadrozzi, Pittsfield High's state tournament pitching hero, today are slated to go to Brooklyn for a three-day workout with the Dodgers. A scout for the National League team invited them to attend a series of drills, at which talent supervisors will screen many school stars. Neither boy has talked terms with the Dodgers, but presumably there will be discussions along those lines if they make favorable impressions.

Donnie Troy, former Pittsfield High athlete, is hitting hard for the Pulaski, W.Va., team of the Class D Appalachian League. In a recent contest against Welch, W.Va., he hit a home run which provided the margin of victory. He received a \$15 cash award for driving in the winning run. He also had a double in this contest. Donnie was having arm trouble for some time, but he writes that the condition has improved. He and Butch Farrick of Easthampton give the Pulaski club an all-Western Massachusetts keystone combination. Farrick is at short, Troy at second. The two were American Legion rivals back in 1946, when Easthampton knocked off Pittsfield for sectional honors.

## Race Time Changed By Putt-Putters

Starting time for next Monday's outboard motor regatta on Pontoon Lake has been changed from 1 to 1.30. The putt-putters also have received final approval of the American Power Boat Association for the holiday meet, it was announced at last night's meeting in the Park Department.

The motorboat enthusiasts pointed out that no other race for power boats will be run in northeastern United States on the Fourth, which indicates some top-flight drivers will be on hand. One of the 15 entries received so far is Vic Scott, recent winner of the Albany to New York outboard race on the Hudson.

# More Chest Leaders Named



Mrs. Orin P. McCarty

The women's division in the autumn Community Chest campaign will be headed by Mrs. Orin P. McCarty, and the men's division, by Jackson J. Perry, it was announced today. It will be the second year in the posts for both.

A native of Brattleboro, Vt., Mrs. McCarty is a graduate of Lexington High School and the Bouve School of Physical Education. She is president of the board of the Girls' League, and a member of the League of Women Voters and the leisure-time division of the Council of Social Agencies. Mrs. McCarty, her husband and three children live at 135 South Mountain Road.

Besides heading the men's division in the chest drive last year, Mr. Perry has taken part in chest and Red Cross campaigns every season since he became superintendent of parks and recreation about four years ago. He graduated from Michigan State College in 1936, served in the infantry during the



Kanter

Jackson J. Perry 6/28

war and was employed in federal government recreation in eastern New York before coming here.

Mr. Perry belongs to the Rotary Club. He is president of the Western Massachusetts Recreation Society, a member of the executive board of the Council of Social Agencies and of the national body of the New England parks group. With his wife and son he lives at 25 Easton Avenue.

## Dancers To Entertain Golden Agers Club

Students of the Liebau Dance Studio will entertain the Golden Agers at their meeting in the YMCA tomorrow afternoon at 2. Everyone 65 years or over is invited to attend the session which is free.

# 30 Leaders in Recreation To Convene on October Mt.

The Council of Social Agencies announced today that a recreation leaders' conference, first of its kind here, will be held next week end at Camp Eagle on October Mountain.

Approximately 30 lay and professional persons in the recreation field from all sections of Berkshire County are expected to attend. It has been arranged by the leisure-time staff committee of the council.

Training will be given in camp

craft, waterfront, nature lore, first aid, handicraft and stunt programs. The evening programs will include music around a campfire and study of the stars. The council suggests that recreation leaders bring a sleeping bag or four blankets, a bathing suit, beachrobe, rain wear, an ax or hatchet and other articles.

Registration will be from 5 to 6 Friday evening; breakfast Saturday and Sunday will be at 7.30; time for church service has been set aside on Sunday; and camp will close Sunday afternoon at 5.

## Dairy Bar Wins 8-6 in Junior City

Red's Dairy Bar of Lanesboro defeated Notre Dame 8-6 in a Junior City Baseball League game Wednesday night at Wahconah Field. A three-run rally in the sixth inning provided the margin of victory.

The score:

Red's Dairy Bar				Notre Dame			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
K'fther,s	3	2	1	Principe,l	3	0	0
Pivoro,	1	4	1	Hatten,	2	3	1
Brown,	3	0	1	DiNicola,	3	2	2
Pytko,	3	1	7	Mahoney,	3	1	2
Denno,	1	4	0	Lavante,c	4	2	1
Sherid,n	3	1	1	Cobb,	4	0	2
Rose,	3	1	0	Ferris,	1	3	1
Saldo,	3	1	0	Rastery,	3	1	6
Th'pson,	2	3	1	Perry,	2	0	0
29 8 21 10				28 8 21 10			
Red's Dairy				300 113 0-8			
Notre Dame				010 140 0-6			

## Calling All Unions!

If Park Department directors and leaders were paid baby-sitting wages for their child leadership and guidance, each worker would get \$22 an hour or \$187 a day. And the 30 directors and leaders would earn a daily wage of \$5610. That's based on the week's playground registration of 2621, with a director and leader at each area working 8½ hours a day. Those hours don't take into consideration the extra one and one-half hours each night the playground has a show, and the two-hour Friday morning staff conferences. Incidentally, registration is 734 more than last year.

# Blais Hurls No-Hit Game

**Sporting Goods,  
Hollywood A,  
Notre Dame Win** 6/29

Dick Blais of the Pittsfield Sporting Goods threw a no-hit game last night as his team scored a 9-3 victory over DeMolay in Junior City Baseball League play. The losers' scores stemmed from four errors and three bases on balls.

In other contests, Hollywood A took the measure of the younger Hollywood B 5-2 and Notre Dame downed St. Mark's, 5-1.

Don Carpenter, Pittsfield High first baseman, in a surprising pitching start for Hollywood A, turned in a neat two-hitter. Rit Flynn bagged three for three for the winners, including a pair of triples.

Eddie Ferris, St. Joseph's High boy, held St. Mark's to three hits, and fanned 13. Ray Cobb led the Notre Dame attack with a home run and a single. The scores:

Hollywood A				Hollywood B			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
M'head,c	3	0	1	F'guson,	2	2	0
Sheran,	2	3	1	DeAngelo,	2	2	0
Lavelle,	3	4	1	Stewart,	3	0	2
Flynn,	3	3	6	Evans,	1	2	0
H'boldt,	3	3	1	M'mano,	1	1	0
C'penter,	3	1	0	CG'vltis,	3	0	1
Z'attero,	2	1	5	JG'vltis,	2	0	2
Russo,	1	1	1	Gorman,	2	2	2
Kreiger,	1	3	0	Murdock,	1	0	0
24 9 18 5				21 2 18 6			

Hollywood A	201	020-5
Hollywood B	000	110-2

Runs, Morehead, Lavelle, Flynn, Hawboldt, Carpenter, J. Garivaltis, Gorman, Errors, Hawboldt, Carpenter, Zavaterro, Stewart. Three-base hits, Flynn 2, Lavelle. Stolen base, Carpenter. Sacrifice, Sheran. Left on bases, Hollywood A 7, Hollywood B 9. Base on balls, off Carpenter 3, Albano 5, Devanny 2. Struck out, by Carpenter 5, Albano 3, Devanny 2. Losing pitcher, Albano. Umpires, Pleau and Makl. Time, 1h, 40m.

Notre Dame				St. Mark's			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
Principe,	4	0	1	Decker,	3	0	3
Hatin,	2	3	1	Garrity,	2	3	0
DiNicola,	3	0	1	Horton,	1	3	0
M'honey,	3	2	1	C'pman,	3	1	5
Lavante,	3	1	2	Ostrickis,	1	3	0
Cobb,	1	3	0	Martin,	2	1	4
Ferris,	1	3	0	Powers,	2	0	0
Raferty,	3	0	14	Maloy,	1	0	0
Quinlan,	1	2	2	Horton,	3	1	0
27 8 21 2				24 3 18 8			

Notre Dame	100	310-5
St. Mark's	000	010 0-1

\*Maloy ran for Powers in 5th.  
Runs, Hatin, Mahoney 2, Lavante, Cobb, Chapman, Errors, Ostrickis, Martin, Powers. Three-base hit, Quinlan. Home run, Cobb. Stolen base, Quinlan. Base on balls, off Ferris 2. Struck out, by Melle 5, Ferris 13. Hit by pitcher, by Melle (Quinlan). Time, 2h, 5m.

Pittsfield S.G.				DeMolay			
ab	h	po	a	ab	h	po	a
Heidel,	1	1	0	Betz,	1	3	0
Shogry,	3	3	1	A.Sleeper,	1	2	0
D'Anelli,	2	0	1	McGill,	2	0	4
Blais,	3	1	0	Weltman,	3	0	1
K'zonski,	3	1	7	Rose,	3	0	0
Perrone,	1	0	9	CSleeper,	2	3	0
Delphi,	3	2	0	W'knecht,	2	2	0
Soutier,	2	3	0	Mears,	3	2	0
N'dham,	2	0	0	Indjian,	0	0	0
21 6 18 8				22 0 15 5			

Pittsfield S.G.	403	20-9
DeMolay	010	020-3

Runs, Heidel 2, Shogry 2, DeAngelis, Kryznoski, Perrone 2, Delphi, Weltman, Wagenknecht, Mears. Errors, Shogry, DeAngelis, Blais 2, A. Sleeper, McGill, Mears 3, Indjian. Stolen bases, McGill, Heidel 2, DeAngelis, Kryznoski. Double play, Weltman to A. Sleeper. Base on balls, off Indjian 3, George 2, Blais 3. Struck out, by Indjian 2, George 3, Blais 7. Hits, off Indjian, 1 in 2-3 inning; George, 5 in 4 1-3. Wild pitches, Indjian 2, George. Winning pitcher, Blais. Losing pitcher, Indjian. Umpires, Luzis and Holden. Time, 2h.





**OSCEOLA DIGS IN:** Opening day at Pittsfield's playgrounds this morning found Osceola youngsters eagerly setting up their flagpole to display the pennant they won last year as the outstanding playground. Bobby Dallmeyer is wielding the shovel as William R. Flynn, director, checks his work, and Miss Bertha S. Christenson, leader, gets the pennant and American flag ready.

## Grandstand Given Setback; Council Showdown Tonight

**Finance Committee Rejects Park  
Project, 3-1—Full Council To Have  
Final Say on \$115,000 Measure** 6/28

Plans for a \$115,000 grandstand at Wahconah Park were handed a sharp setback by the City Council's Finance Committee yesterday but it is still possible that the project will win approval when it comes before the full Council at a meeting in City Hall this evening.

Last night the Finance Committee turned it down by a 3-to-1 vote after listening to nearly an hour of pleading for the project from Chairman Monroe B. England of the Park Commission and Paul A. Tamburello, president of the Pittsfield Indians, who warned that failure to provide the requested 1500-seat grandstand would "set Pittsfield sports back at least 10 years."

The committee's decision, which is merely a recommendation that the Council refuse to approve the grandstand appropriation submitted to it last week by the Mayor, is not necessarily final. The Council can, if it wishes, override that decision tonight, but as of noon today it was still anybody's guess as to whether or not this would be done.

### Lake Only One in Favor

Harvey E. Lake was the only committeeman to support the controversial measure last night. Voting against it were George A. Purnell and Edward T. McGovern, who both opposed it on grounds of economy, and Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, who argued that the Council shouldn't spend money on a grandstand until it finds out whether the city can get Legislative approval for its proposed \$6,000,000 school building loans.

The decision to recommend killing the grandstand appropriation came after the committee had deadlocked in a 2-2 vote on a motion from Purnell to table the question pending further study.

Earlier in the evening Purnell argued for setting up a system whereby the city would get a percentage of the extra revenue expected by the Indians if the grandstand were erected. Most of the debate centered around this proposal, but no specific formula was worked out.

Mr. Tamburello said that a city cut on the Indians' box office take would be satisfactory with him and stated that if the grandstand were built it is probable that the admission prices would be boosted from the present 75 cents a head to a scale ranging from 80 cents to \$1.

Purnell argued that a percentage arrangement should be included in the appropriation order but this ran into prompt opposition from Commissioner England, who contended that any such deal should be arranged by the Park Commission rather than the Council. He pointed out that the commission already charges the Indians a seasonal fee for the use of Wahconah Park—this year it is \$2500—and said that the commission would negotiate a higher fee if the grandstand were authorized.

This didn't satisfy Purnell, and the percentage question was left in midair. The vote to kill the appropriation was taken a few minutes later after Purnell stated that "the expense is not warranted at this time."

### Appropriation is for \$41,000

The appropriation before the Council last night was for only \$41,000, despite the \$115,000 estimate on the project. This discrepancy is due to the fact that there is already a grandstand fund of \$74,000 that was set up during the Fallon administration and has never been put to use.

One of several side issues raised last night was the question of whether the \$74,000 is still earmarked for grandstand construction. Councilman McGovern has maintained that this sum was "returned to the city treasury" by order of the Council last January when the previous grandstand commission was disbanded.

City Auditor Anthony W. Sottile, clerk of the Finance Committee, cleared up this point by reading an opinion from City Solicitor Francis J. Quirico, who pointed out that the \$74,000 had never left the city treasury and hence couldn't be "returned" to it despite the Council's action. The opinion also stated that the Council has no authorization to transfer funds anyway, since this is a function of the mayor rather than the legislative branch.

## Kids Flock 6/27 To Playgrounds As Season Opens

Today's pleasant weather brought crowds of kids to Pittsfield's 15 parks as the Park Department began its 10-week schedule with a varied program.

Enthusiasm shown at Osceola indicates that group is out to get the playground championship again. The group tied Clapp as the outstanding playground in 1947, and took clear title to the pennant last year entitling them to fly it from their flagpole this season.

Undaunted by the absence of a flagpole (someone tore it down during the winter) Betty Jane Dunn and Bernice and Carol Herrick repainted the metal pole over the week end, and this morning Bobby Dallmeyer dug the hole under supervision of William R. Flynn, director, and Miss Bertha S. Christenson, leader.

A special feature for registration today is selection of five winners from each playground to attend a free movie at the Capitol next Tuesday. The 75 youngsters will be selected by drawings.

Movies will be shown at 9 tonight at Clapp and Hibbard, with a neighborhood council meeting at Clapp at 7:30. Arts and crafts were at Deming this morning, and Hibbard in the afternoon, with music and dance at Coltsville in the morning and Wahconah in the afternoon. Archery instruction was given at Clapp.

The program for the rest of the week follows:

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**Tomorrow**  
Movies: Common and Highland.  
Arts and Crafts: Common and Osceola.  
Music and Dance: Coolidge and Pontooosuc.

**Archery:** Springside.  
**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** Deming at 7:30 PM.

**Wednesday**  
Movies: Coltsville and Osceola.  
Arts and Crafts: Francis Avenue and Pitt.

**Music and Dance:** Crane and Highland.  
**Archery:** Root.  
**Special Events:** Treasure hunt at all areas.

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** Pontooosuc at 7:30 PM.

**Thursday**  
Movies: Coolidge and Pitt.  
Arts and Crafts: Springside and Crane.  
Music and Dance: Osceola and Deming.  
**Archery:** Coolidge.  
**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** Hibbard at 7:30 PM.

**Friday**  
Movies: Crane and Pontooosuc.  
Arts and Crafts: Root and Clapp.  
Music and Dance: Hibbard and Common.  
**Archery:** Deming.  
**Special Events:** Doll show and carriage parade at all playgrounds.  
**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** Springside at 7:30 PM.

## Annual Doll Show Tomorrow on 6/30 Local Playgrounds

The dolls will have their day tomorrow afternoon, when the annual doll and doll carriage show will be held on all local playgrounds. Certificates will be awarded to the first, second and third-place dolls in these classes: Most beautiful, largest, smallest, most unusual, largest number, prettiest bride, most comical and oldest. There will be similar awards for the most unusual and best decorated carriages.

Results of the lucky number draw held on all playgrounds during registration day follow:

**Crane**—Paul Hebler, Bruce Kelly, Daniel Bongini, Jean Thomas and Carol Rabideau.

**Hibbard**—Christine Edda, Kathleen Chiorono, Muriel Plumbo, Fred Plouffe and Joseph Curro.

**Coltsville**—Raymond Barriere, Clifford Heidel, Edward Veidal, Peter Campoli and Jackie Barnes.

**Springside**—Sylvia Wood, Frederick Aiksey, Richard Brassard, Ned Hine and James Piggott.

**Deming**—Alva Folmsbee, Philip O'Connor, Charlene Sultare, Beverly Dorman and Mary Bologne.

**Pitt**—Constance Ruberto, John Garzone, Frank Rhailly, Eliot L. Bradley and Paul Brindle.

**Common**—Francis Carlinopoli, Pauline Devanna, Patricia Lippera, Roy Hankly and George Taylor.

**Wahconah**—Sandra Zuckerman, Connie Piona, Francis Ekiley, Dorothy Kurek and Joseph Newman.

**Highland**—Carol Ann Sires, Henry Macas, Leona Collins, Carole Zaorski and James Barnes.

**Clapp**—Pat Hubbard, Barbara Hubbard, Anne Winnard, Shirley Snow and Carolyn Currier.

**Root**—Thomas Walsh, Martha Carpenter, Shirley Dellert, Mary Lawton and Mark Selkowitz.

**Pontooosuc**—James Spaniol, William Lambert, Joseph Sherman, John Gera and Janet Webster.

**Osceola**—Allen Norton, Barbara Tubbs, Fay Williams, Betsy Dallmeyer and John Keeney.

**Coolidge**—Donald William, Norina Janowski, Gerald Powers, John Mazzo and Antoinette Tesoniero.

**Francis Avenue**—Ralph Clemens, Francis Cahill, William Dermody, Andrew Penczar and Joann Pullano.

The 75 winners will be guests of the Capitol Theatre Tuesday afternoon. Five representatives of the neighborhood council will accompany them.

Before adjourning last night, the Finance Committee did give its approval to another project requested by the Park Commission—a \$5000 appropriation for purchase of 1000 new bleacher seats for use in the park system. The new seats will replace those condemned as unsatisfactory.



# Track Meet Heads Chosen

Events and Medals  
Listed for Aug. 21  
Affair at Clapp 2/1

Three chairmen of subcommittees have been selected for the first annual Berkshire Hills track and field championships and 30 kilometer New England AAU championship run at Clapp Park, Sunday, Aug. 21, as the result of last night's organizational meeting in the Park Department office. The group will meet again next Thursday at the same place.

Robert F. Hunt is chairman of the officials' committee, Joseph L. Bolster for equipment and Bartlett Hendricks for publicity and finance. The committee will print tags to be sold for 25-cent donations in order to defray expenses of the meet and establish a small treasury to promote track in Pittsfield.

Entry blanks have been sent to public and private schools throughout the East, near-by camps where councilors may be interested, and athletic clubs, especially to Schenectady, where the Adirondack district of the AAU held its championships last week. First entry in track and field is Edward C. Williams of Schenectady, representing the YMCA there. He will be in the high and broad jumps. Deadline for entries is Aug. 20.

Trophies will be given for each first place in all events, with medals for seconds and thirds, along with team medals and trophies. Competition for registered amateurs in good standing will be: 100 and 220 dashes, 440, 880, one-mile and two-mile runs, high and broad jumps, pole vault, 16-pound shot and discus. Relays also will be run in the 880, one and two miles, if there are three teams competing.



**STAFF MEETING:** Thirty-seven members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff held their first weekly meeting on the Common this morning from 7 to 8.30 in the morning to handle their respective playgrounds. The session ended with coffee and doughnuts for by the members, after a talk by William M. Rogers, manager of the Berkshire Safety Council, safety measures that will be used on the playgrounds this summer. The staff meets again next morning at 7 at Deming. 2/1

## Facilities Ready For Week End At Public Beach

Reservations for picnic tables this week end are going fast, but there are still picnic kits available, it was announced by the Parks and Recreation Department which expects a big time at Pontoosuc Lake.

Reservations for the 40 tables may be made at the Park Department until 3.30 tomorrow afternoon, and after that at the picnic store near the public beach. Reservations are held until 15 minutes after the scheduled time and then given to the first person who asks.

The three picnic kits have not been booked for tomorrow or Sunday, and two are still available for Monday, the Fourth. They contain softball, badminton, paddle tennis, checkers, two sets of horseshoes, and a tug of war rope is available upon request. The \$5 deposit is returned if the equipment is brought back in good shape.

Docks at the public beach are all in use, and the lifeguards will wear their new red jerseys and light blue pants. The baby beach has been improved with dirt covering the large rocks, and sand has been spread over the entire baby beach approach as well as the area near the bathhouse. The bathhouse has been painted and the inside improved, and soon a sign will be erected indicating the area is supervised by the Parks and Recreation Department.



**PONTOOSUC PAINTING BEE:** Pontoosuc playground youngsters took things into their own hands when snow fence was erected to enclose that play area which reopened this week. Using their own brushes and some loaned by the Park Department along with a gallon of paint, they found the job more fun than work. 2/1



## Bocci Boom Seems Likely, Thanks to Enlarged Courts

Bocci will get a good boost next week from the Park Department.

The Italian pastime dates back 4000 years but locally, the Park Department's facilities are entering their third year at the Common and Pitt playground.

And big plans are in the offing. Park Foreman William F. Fitzgerald will have his men enlarging the Common bocci courts to "regulation" size which means 85 by 12 feet, with a one-foot pit at each end. As soon as they finish there, the Pitt courts will get a revamping.

Also listed as improvements are two floodlights used at the skating areas. "We have no records on how many used the courts last year," John A. Massimiano, director of athletics, said, "but they were in almost constant use from after work to dark week days and almost all day Sunday. The lights will be available nights until a reasonable hour."

If plans go well, a tournament may be conducted some time in July. Mr. Massimiano explained, as the result of a recent conference with Fred Callo of the GEAA

(where they have excellent courts) and Francis J. Sacchetti of the Rainbow Restaurant. Mr. Callo has been interested in bocci for years, and Mr. Sacchetti is spurred on by the Italian element in his neighborhood that use the Common courts frequently.

Briefly, the game is played with wooden balls slightly larger than a softball. The principle is to get your ball as close to the "palino" (which is half-the size of the other balls) and is rolled out first. Balls are either lined or plain and the number playing is limited by the size of the court and how many are on hand. Usually not more than eight play at a time, with at least two needed for a game.

In case the palino rolls off the court into the pit, contestants try to get near a mark made at the middle of the near end of the pit. While new to the central section of Pittsfield, the game has been played for years in the Lakewood section where Narciso Barnini of 21 Milan Street is considered the expert. He is the father of the athletic Barninis, including Slip and Jake, who made their marks at Pittsfield High and then went on to college.

## Grandstand Commission Stymied by Legal Hurdle

With an appropriation of \$115,000 credited to its account at City Hall, the Wahconah Park Grandstand Commission was all set to go into high gear today—as soon as it crosses one more legal hurdle.

Because of a mixup between the mayor and the City Council on the question of appointing a sixth and final commissioner, the grandstand group is technically still non-existent and won't become a legal entity until the City Council's next session July 12.

This complication came as a result of a City Council request for representation on the commission. Mayor Capeless granted the request last week and asked Council President Edward J. McDonald to make the appointment, but McDonald refused to do so on the grounds that the mayor was "passing the buck" by not making the appointment himself.

This unexpected development dumped the problem back into the lap of the mayor, who will now have to change the wording of the order setting up the Grandstand Commission. Until this is done, and until the mayor's appointment

of a sixth member is confirmed by the Council, the commission can only function in an informal, extralegal capacity.

Mayor Capeless said this morning that he had considered the possibility of calling a special Council meeting Friday night to take action on the problem, but had decided not to in order to avoid inconveniencing those Council members who, he said, "were not responsible for this mixup." The Council's decision to put the appointment back in the mayor's hands was reached by a vote of 6 to 5 at Tuesday night's meeting.

## Wahconahs Take Lead in Junior City B League

The Wahconah All-Stars took sole possession of the lead in the Junior City B Baseball League by overwhelming DeMolay 11-0 at Deming Field Tuesday night.

Milt Gardner hurled superbly for the winners. He yielded only one hit, fanned 13, and gave but two passes.

First baseman Francis McMahon paced the Wahconahs' 15-hit attack with a pair of triples and a single.

The Wahconahs will oppose St. Mark's in a league game tonight at 6 at Deming Field.

Wahconah All-Stars					DeMolay				
ab	h	po	a		ab	h	po	a	
EMcM'n.1	4	3	8	1	W'necht.3	3	0	1	2
Carroll.5	4	1	0	0	ASleeper.1	3	0	1	0
Newman.3	2	12	0	0	McGill. c	3	0	5	1
Mezzie. lf	4	1	0	0	Indjian. 2	3	0	1	2
Hospat. 2	3	1	1	1	CSleeper. rf	3	0	0	0
Belair. cf	3	1	0	0	Rose. cf	2	0	1	0
Kirby. cf	1	0	0	0	Betiz. lf	3	1	2	0
Ostaski. rf	1	1	0	0	George. 3	3	0	0	2
Baroner. rf	2	2	0	0	Mears. p	1	0	0	2
Maloney. 3	1	0	1	0					
Whalen. 3	3	1	0	0					
Gardner. p	3	2	1	5					
	32	15	21	7		24	1	21	9
Wahconahs	.....	321	302	0-11					

## Root Council Meets Tonight at Playground

The Root Playground neighborhood council will meet tonight at 7.30 at the playground to discuss organizational details of the group. Plans also will be made for building an outdoor fireplace.

## Park Department To Give Classes In Lifesaving

Free adult lifesaving classes will be given at the public beach, Pontosuc Lake four nights a week, Mondays through Thursdays, it was announced today by James H. Thompson, supervisor of aquatics, who will give the instruction.

Classes will begin next Tuesday night, with all swimming and lifesaving classes canceled for Monday, the fourth. No previous lifesaving experience is needed. Applicants must be 16 years or older and strong swimmers. Classes will be from 6.30 to 8 nightly.

The two-week course is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Fundamentals of the Red Cross and YMCA senior lifesaving systems will be taught. Graduates will be certified Red Cross lifesavers. Anyone interested should register at the Park Department offices.

## Grandstand at Wahconah Assured for 1950 Season

Council by 10-1 Vote Authorizes  
Immediate Expenditure of \$115,000—  
McDonald Takes Verbal Rap at Mayor

A four-year fight to get a municipal grandstand ended in victory last night as a resounding majority of the City Council authorized immediate expenditure of \$115,000 for a 1500-seat structure at Wahconah Park.

### Ready for 1950 Season

With the last hurdle now crossed, it appeared virtually certain today that the new grandstand—including dressing rooms and other facilities—will be ready for the start of the 1950 baseball season. Barring possible delays in preparing plans or letting the contract, work on the project can be expected to get under way shortly after the Indians complete their current schedule.

In reaching its decision last night, the Council flatly rejected a recommendation from its Finance Committee, which refused to endorse the grandstand project at a meeting two nights ago.

This reversal was not unexpected, but even the most optimistic backers of the grandstand were surprised at the size of the Council majority. When the final vote was taken, only Ward 6 Councilman Edward T. McGovern was recorded in opposition to the project.

Instrumental in this lop-sided verdict were pro-grandstand votes from George A. Purnell and Mrs. Leonora Goerlach, both of whom had been against the project when it was before the Finance Committee.

Purnell's change of heart was not evident until the close of last night's debate when he finally announced that he would withdraw his objections because he had become convinced that "the new Grandstand Commission will do what it can" to make the grandstand usable for high school athletics as well as for professional baseball.

Earlier in the evening Purnell condemned what he called the "czar-like attitude" of the Park Commission, which had said that it would be virtually impossible to build the stand in such a way that it could accommodate football as well as baseball spectators.

Commission is even set up," said that the Park Commission does not insist in any way on using plans that we already have."

He said that the present plans were drawn up primarily to give the Capital Outlay Committee an idea of what the stand would look like and added that the nature of the final plans would be entirely up to the Grandstand Commission.

Although the Council approved the mayor's nomination of five members of that commission last night, the naming of a sixth and final member ran into an unexpected stalemate.

At its last meeting the Council had requested Mayor Capeless to include a Council member on the commission. The mayor acceded to this request, asking Council President McDonald to make the appointment.

### McDonald Wins Point

Last night however, McDonald declined to do so. He accused the

Purnell also caused some surprise by stating that he was satisfied that the Park Commission would protect the city's grandstand investment by extracting a higher Wahconah Park rental fee from the Pittsfield Indians once the grandstand is in use. At the Finance Committee meeting two nights ago he had argued that the City Council rather than the Park Commission should determine the extra revenue that the city would get from the ball club.

Mrs. Goerlach announced her change of opinion midway in last night's debate, stating that she had received assurances from Boston that there was virtually no possibility that Pittsfield's request for permission to float a \$6,000,000 school building loan would be denied by the Legislature. Her stand in the Finance Committee meeting had been that the city should not spend money on adult recreation until it had been assured that its school needs could be taken care of.

"In view of the information that I now have," Mrs. Goerlach told the Council last night, "I will exercise a woman's privilege and change my mind."

The question of making the grandstand adaptable for football as well as baseball was about the only controversial point raised during the half-hour debate. Councilmen Callaghan, Brown and Dillon joined Purnell in insisting that the Grandstand Commission try to make its plans adaptable for all sports.

### Perry Answers Brown

Parks Superintendent Jackson J. Perry, replying to charges from Councilman Brown that "you are telling us how the grandstand is to be built before the Grandstand mayor of 'passing the buck' and said that "in view of the fact he has never sought our guidance or counsel before now" he should make the Council appointment himself.

"This isn't buck-passing," Councilman Lake objected. "It's an act of courtesy on the part of the mayor."

McDonald stuck to his guns, however, and a motion to request the mayor to name the Council representative on the Grandstand Commission was adopted by a vote of 6 to 5.

At the same time, the Council confirmed the appointments of the following five men who have already been named to the commission by Mayor Capeless: Edward V. Dillon, 48 Strong Avenue, chairman; Wolcott Fuller, 27 Brunswick Street; Maurice B. Rosenfield, 32 Arlington Street; George D. Austin, 27 Whittier Street; and Frederic Van Wie, commissioner of public buildings for the city.



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# Cincinnati Reds Give Eddie McMahon \$6000, Top Bonus Ever Paid Here

## PHS Captain Signs Contract With Syracuse Internationals

Scout Bob Berry Says Star Shortstop Will Report July 14, and Probably Will Be Farmed to Rockford or Lockport

By ROGER O'GARA

For a \$6000 bonus, the highest ever paid to a resident of this city by a professional baseball team, 18-year-old Eddie McMahon, captain and star shortstop of Pittsfield High's state champions, last night became the property of the Cincinnati Reds.

### Just Before Midnight

The formal agreement was consummated several minutes before midnight on full bonus payments. Representing the National League club was scout Bob Berry of Springfield. The youthful prospect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McMahon, also put their signatures on the contract in the living room of their home at 42 Stoddard Avenue.

Actually, McMahon signed a contract with the Syracuse, N.Y., club, the Reds' farm in the Triple A International League. Berry said he will report to Syracuse Thursday, July 14. He guessed that Eddie would remain with that club for a week or more, and then would be farmed out. The two possibilities, he said, are Rockford, Ill., of the Class C Central Association and Lockport, N.Y., of the Class D Pony League.

The signing ended a day of conjecture as to what Eddie would do. If he hadn't come to terms last night, he would have continued to play with the Brass Rat team with whom he made an excellent

impression last summer at the All-America amateur tournament in Johnstown, Pa. As a matter of fact, Scout Berry became somewhat on edge as the midnight deadline approached, and Eddie still was en route to this city from Brooklyn, N.Y., where he had worked out the last three days with the Dodgers. Eddie went to Ebbets Field with William (Bobo) Quadrozzi and John A. Massimiano, Parks and Recreation Department director of athletics. He had told Berry by telephone Wednesday night that he probably would sign, but as the veteran ivory hunter said: "You never count a man as signed until he has done so." McMahon, Quadrozzi and Massimiano arrived in the city shortly after 11 waiting at the McMahon home. Several other scouts also have talked with McMahon since he graduated from Pittsfield High a week and a half ago, but the Cincinnati offer was the best. The Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Athletics were reported to be very much interested in him.

For two seasons, local observers have likened Eddie to Marty Marion, the veteran shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals. He is built on Marion's lines — tall, slender and graceful. Eddie is 6 feet, 2 3/4 inches tall, and weighs 170 pounds. He has just turned 18. His birthday was Wednesday, June 15 — three days before he led Pittsfield High to the state title.

McMahon drew rave notices for his play in the all-important game with Brockton. He hit long balls, and pulled the fielding feature of the contest. He has a fine arm, and moves quickly to either side. Probably his greatest batting feat was turned in "one hot day last August, when he hit a home run in each half of Brass Rat's double-header in the All-America tournament with Baltimore, Md., and Concord, N.H., as the foe.

The bonus price was revealed by Mrs. McMahon. Berry said that the Cincinnati club never made public the size of such payments, but it was perfectly all right for the parents to.

McMahon has been outstanding in baseball and basketball at Pittsfield High for two years. As a senior, he won All-Berkshire honors in both.

His father is a native of West Warwick, R.I. He has lived in Pittsfield since 1920, when he entered the employ of the General Electric Company, where he currently works in the wire department. Mrs. McMahon is the former Marcella Leavy of this city. There is one other child, a daughter, Marilyn, 15, who will be a junior at Pittsfield High in the fall.



**\$6000 STROKE:** The brief but spirited chase for the services of Eddie McMahon, 18-year-old Pittsfield high baseball captain and star shortstop, ended last night in the living room of his home. Eddie, left, secured a \$6000 bonus from the Cincinnati Reds for signing a contract with the Syracuse club of the International League. Bob Berry, Cincinnati Reds' scout, is seated beside Eddie. The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McMahon, are standing.

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## Swim Campaign Is Retarded

A few snags are hindering the second annual learn-to-swim campaign being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Miss Barbara Ducharme, instructor in swimming has asked that parents attending the instruction at Springside and Crane stand back far enough that they don't distract the children. As it is, some of the youngsters are dividing their attention between the instructor and parents, complicating the problem.

Transportation is the problem at the public beach at Pontoosuc Lake. James L. Thompson, supervisor of aquatics, has asked that any parents willing to carry extra beginners as passengers inform him at the bathhouse.

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## Lead Tied in Business Girls' Softball League

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Professional Drug	2	0	1.000
Hinsdale	2	0	1.000
Sluggers	1	0	1.000
GEAA	1	1	.500
Carmelites	0	2	.000
H. L. Green	0	1	.000
Aces	0	1	.000

The Professional Drug and Hinsdale are leading the Berkshire Business Girls' Softball League with two wins and no losses. Next week's schedule and present standings are listed below:

All games are 6.15 at night. Tuesday at Clapp, Pro Drug and H. L. Green; Wednesday at High School, Carmelites and Sluggers; Thursday at Clapp, Hinsdale and the GEAA; Friday at High School, Aces and Carmelites.

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